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Fire damage may disrupt tunnel services for months

By Jonathan Prynn, Joanna Bale and Richard Duce

CHANNEL TUNNEL services could be disrupted for months after the train fire on Monday night, which left a scene of devastation in the Folkestone-bound tunnel.

As three inquiries were launched into the incidem which led to 19 people being treated in hospital, senior Eurotunnel executives said hey hoped that services would back to normal within four weeks. But with at least 600 metres of the tunnel damaged, engineers thought the repairs would take "months rather than weeks".

Six people were detained in hospital overnight after the fire, which destroyed a locomotive and five lorries, most suffering from the effects of inhaling smoke. But al were released yesterday.

The undamaged half of the train was pulled out of the tunnel at Calais yesterday, but the burnt-out section is not expected to be removed from the track until later today.

Yesterday emergency crews spokes of bellish conditions during the evacuation of the 3i passengers and three crew, with chunks of concrete raining down on them from the tunnel roof. The 6in thick reinforced concrete lining was said to be so badly blistered in one place that chalk was showing through. The fare, hought to have reached temperatures of 1000C, also destroyed miles of wiring and cabling, and buckled part of the track.

No trains were running through the turnel last night because of the high levels of carbo monoxide but Eurotunnel hopes to begin a limited service through the undamaged north tunnel this morning, with about a third of the scheduled timetable operating. This will be increased to a maximum of two-thirds of the normal service over the next

war trails

Yesterday Le Shuttle pas-sengers were advised to use the ferries, but they suffered further delays of up to an hour because of bad weather.

In the Commons, Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, praised the emergency services and said he would be urging the French authorities to make the findings of their investigations

The French safety authorities, the Channel Tunnel Safey Authority and Europunnel



Dear Francois, I think it would be much better if you came over to me

will conduct separate enquiries. No cause has yet been established for the fire, which was thought to have started in a consignment of scent. Polystyrene packaging is believed to have contributed to the ferocity of the blaze.

The train was pulling 29 open wagons and the 31 lorry drivers and passengers were travelling in a special wagon at the front. The train stopped when the tunnel's sensors detected the fire, but the driver did not decouple the locomotive and "club car" behind it to allow the passengers and crew to escape. Eurotunnel safety sources said yesterday that their investigations would concentrate on why that emergency procedure had not been followed.

stench like "burning chicken" filling the carriage where they were eating a meal of steak and wine when the fire broke out shortly after 9pm. They were told to crouch on on the floor with moistened napkins over their mouths when acrid furnes filled the car. They then had to wait for up to 20 minutes before being taken

out of the tunnel. Recalling the ordeal with a mixture of horror and disbelief, several said they feared that they were going to die. Peter Harris of Swansea said: "I thought we'll see if there's someone believing in me ap-stairs. I believe in Him now."Other drivers, recuperating in a hotel at Coquelles, praised the staff of the train, although some were sharply critical of the safety measures. But Alain Bertrand, Eurotunnel's operations director,

said: "Existing safety proce-Physics Decembers TUNNEL FERHE TUNNEL CLOSED

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all their worst fears and claimed that the casualty levels could have been far worse if it had happened in a passenger shuttle. The association called on the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority to publish full details of Eurotunnel's application for an operating licence so that passengers could could judge for themselves whether the tunnel was safe. Safety aspects that will be

considered by the inquiries include the open design of the freight shuttle waggons, which has concerned some MPs for years; the ventilation systems which should have prevented passengers being overcome by smoke, and the cargoes which are allowed to be carried through the tunnel. The inquiries will also con-

the world is totally safe."

safety rules.

sider why British fire crews were not contacted by their French counterparts in Calais until 58 minutes after the start of the fire, which was not put out for 20 hours. Under official numnel procedures, Both of the special eight-strong French and English fire-fighting crews should have been alerted at once. Investigators may also consider whether a two-hour wild-cat strike among French Eurotunnel staff which ended immediately before the depar-ture of the ill-fated train had any bearing on subsequent

The fire could not have come at a worse time for Eurotunnel, which is in the middle of delicately poised negotiations with its banks over its £9 billion debt. "I can't pretend that this is anything but bad news," one senior company source said. Shares in Eurotunnel, which peaked at £8.67 in June 1989 shed 3½ p yesterday to close at 88p.

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Praise for the steward hero



Grard: kept up permanent

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LILLE

A PREGNANT woman injured in the Channel Tunnel tunnel fire was under observation in hospital in Lille last night along with a steward she said saved the lives of the

Sonia Matezak, 25, who is eight months pregnant, said : The train stopped and 1 smelled burning plastic. Then I saw grey smoke curling up from under the doors and I knew there was a serious problem. I was not afraid at first, but when I realised we were trapped. I began to get very frightened. I really thought we were never going

to get out of there. It was really strong, very acrid and we knew something terrible had gone wrong, Christian Proyart, 32, Mme Matczak's partner, said. "We had already heard the alarms

but didn't think anything of

As the smoke thickened Emile Grard, 43. chef de train. distributed dampened nap-kins which coughing lorry drivers clamped to their mouths and kept up a permanent reassuring commentary

"Emile was the real hero, he saved us all," Mme Matczak said from her hospital bed. "He was on the intercom to the driver the whole time, so he never covered his mouth. That's why he inhaled so much smoke, Peter Harris,

50, from Swansea, said. "If I could award a medal it would go to him." "Normal procedure would

be to keep on going to reach the other side as fast as

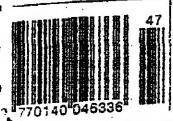
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Snow brings chaos to Britain



The sign that greeted drivers in Calais yesterday

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Island anger over women's Nazi betrayal Newly released papers about the German occupation of the

Channel Islands show that people on Jersey and Guernsey were outraged by the extent to which local women cohabited with German soldiers. Intelligence reports supplied by islanders who had escaped, or who were rescued by Allied troops while on their way to prisons in Germany, describe the women as "Jerrybags" or troop carriers"—Page 10

ICY WINDS with the possibility of sleet and torrential rain are forecast for much of the country today as winter comes early to Britain. Temperatures should be generally higher than yesterday, but motorists

Yesterday's cold snap left two people dead and tens of thousands of homes without power after heavy snow falls brought down power lines. Drifts 8ft deep were reported in the worst-hit areas

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are advised to use extreme

yesterday and, apart from the M62 motorway, all roads closed.

By BILL FROST

Scores of minor accidents were reported and many drivers abandoned their vehicles as breakdown services were inundated with calls. Another casualty of the wea

ther was Harold "Dickie"

Bird, the retired international

cricket umpire, who yesterday

was unable to collect his first

honorary doctorate. He

planned an early start to a trip

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from Barnsley, Yorkshire, to Sheffield Hallam University, but was forced to wait for a taxi when heavy snow blocked his car in the garage. He said he was "devastated" at having to turn back after battling for two hours to travel just five of the 17 miles.

"I am so disappointed. When I got back I just slumped in my chair and cried," he said.

Inspectors back 'failed' GCSE school

The bottom school in today's national examination league tables has been praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no pupil has ever gained five high-grade GCSEs. Parkside School in Plymouth is the only comprehensive school in England with a zero score this year, but was found to "provide an education of good

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Inquiry into Rwanda arms deal to report within weeks

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS last night ordered a full investigation into allegations that a British company sent weapons and ammunition to the former Rwandan Government while its army was involved in

Senior officials from six government departments have been told to report within a month on disclosures in The Times that Mil-Tec Corporation Ltd sent £3 million of arms to the former Rwandan army while it was killing a

million Tutsi compatriots. Ministers are believed to be deeply concerned about the suggestion that a British company was involved in such a deal and they made clear last night that they may introduce laws to stop British companies acting as intermediaries for international arms sales.

At the heart of the inquiry will be the difficulties in taking legal action against British companies used by overseas organisations to pass on arms. The position of offshore companies, such as Mil-Tec which was based in the Isle of Man. will also be examined.

lan Lang, the President of the Board of the Trade, will consider the inquiry report tigation launched after Sir Richard Scott's report on arms sales to Iraq. One official said: "We were already looking at the difficult area of arms trafficking in this country and clearly this case has raised concerns that need to be thoroughly investigated. Are we doing enough or do we need to change the law?"

The committee will involve senior officials from the Denartment of Trade and Industry, Foreign Office, Ministry of Defence. Home Office. CusCabinet Office. Customs officials are already investigating the allegations that Mil-Tec sold arms to Rwanda and the Government yesterday called for more information from the public to help that inquiry.

It issued a statement saying There is no indication in these allegations that arms were exported from the UK. No licences have been issued to Mil-Tec Corporation Ltd." However, officials conceded that loopholes could allow companies to act as intermediaries in arms deals without being prosecuted.

The allegations come at a sensitive time for Michael Portillo and Malcolm Rifkind, who are facing opposition from Conservative MPs to plans to send thousands of troops to Zaire. The two ministers will be questioned about the mission tomorrow when they meet the Tory backbench defence and foreign affairs committees, and MPs will want assurances that British troops will not face a long and dangerous posting and that the enterprise will not over-

stretch the armed forces Although many MPs initially backed the Government's decision to offer troops to aid central Africa, there is grow ing backbench scepticism about potential difficulties. The former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd is among those who have voiced fears, warning ministers that "the unpredictable is certain to happen".

Michael Colvin, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, supported the principle of sending troops, but said that the deployment should be limited to four months.

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'I thought I would never get out of there alive' Exper

From Joanna Bale in calais AND BEN MACINTYRE IN LILLE

A RELIEVED British lorry driver said last night that he thought he was going to die in the Channel Tunnel fire. John Harvey. of Swadlingcote. Derbyshire, said: "I now know what it is like to come face to face with death."

He added: "I knew there wasn't much time left and remember thinking about my wife and children. hut most of all my five-year-old granddaughter, Jade. I just thought I will never see Jade again and never see her grow up.

Her face stayed in my mind and I thought it would be the last thing I would see. I can't wait to see her

just so grateful to be alive." Mr Harvey was one of 31 lorry drivers and their passengers who were travelling from Calais to Folkestone on a freight shuttle. All the drivers and their passengers were in the front restaurant carriage when the train stopped.

Emile Gerard, 43. the chef de train, opened the internal door, puzzled about the cause of the fire, and acrid black smoke poured in. "I shut the door again and told everyone not to panic. I must admit there was a lot of fear," he said. The drivers were told to lie on the floor and put wet napkins over

minutes. "I was a minute from choking to death," Mr Harvey said. "It is as simple as that. I can talk about it now but back in the tunnel I was just resigned to dying. I could not see any way I was going to get

"I tried to splash water over my face in the toilets to stay conscious before we were evacuated. The smoke was thick and the furnes just seemed to squeeze my chest, making breathing impossible.

We were all slowly dying and if the decision had not been taken to get us out of the carriage there would be a lot of dead bodies in the

survived I will never know." The drivers said they had kicked

and punched companions who showed signs of being overcome by the fumes. "When it looked like they were losing consciousness you really had to use force to wake them up. It wasn't just the smoke, but this burning plastic smell," Brian Williams, 49, from Ashford, Kent, said. "We are all used to working on our own but if everyone hadn't helped everyone else in there we'd

Jeff Waghorn, 32, from Westcliffon-Sea, Essex, added: "We were getting light-headed. Another five minutes, and I think there would have been a proper disaster. It felt

there looking at your life and wondering whether you're going to

Some of the drivers detached an emergency pickaxe and wanted to break open a window but were prevented by the cabin staff. "They said it would be even worse, but by the end no one had the strength to lift an axe," Mr Williams said.

Others pointed out that the emergency exit to the service tunnel was just feet from the train door. We could have got across in ten seconds, or less, holding our breath. The smoke we inhaled was already in the cabin," Mick Terry, 53. from South Ockenden, Essex. said. Ian Edwards, 53, condemned safety standards on the train and that they had been improved before he would use the tunnel again. He criticised the lack of oxygen equipment and sprinkler systems, although he said that the train staff had done a good job.

Mr Edwards's fellow driver. Brian Shilton, 46, also from Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, shared his criticism of the lack of oxygen and sprinklers. Mr Shilton said the smoke in the compartment was so thick that it was impossible to see more than 6ft. "It was like being in a tomb," he said. "We were really frightened, that was the very closest I've ever come to death. I thought my time was up."

He joined the other drivers in praising the steward and stewardess. The poor bloke who was the through his two-way system all the time. He was breathing in more poisonous fumes than the rest of us because he was talking all the time. He was in a real bad way. He had to be blanket-wrapped in the tunnel when he came out."

He said they had been given Xrays, blood and heart tests before being allowed back to the hotel. Mr. Shilton said he had been using the tunnel four times a week since it opened two years ago but was nor sure whether he would trust him-self to it again. "Last night I said

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With the train stationary, M

Grard opened the interior

door leading to the lorry

compartments, where the fire

was raging. A billowing cloud

of black smoke poured into the

cabin and the steward immed-

iately slammed the door and

instructed the passengers to lie

on the floor. "It was 14 minutes

ing," Peter Harris, 50, from

Swansea, said.

- one of the boys was count-

"I decided we had to evacu-

ate the train," M Grard said.
"The idea was to find a way

into the service tunnel by

following the luminous arrows which are marked along

the whole length of the tunnel.

too dense and it was too dark

to see anything. It was pitch

black down there and we were

about 12 miles from the French

tunnel exit. The smoke was toxic and I rold everyone to get

paper serviettes and soak

them in water and hold them

Still clutching a grimy tissue

that he had clamped over his

mouth he said when he was

released from hospital that as

the minutes dragged on he believed he would die. "I could

hardly-swallow. It will always -:

M Grard was eventually

signs and, shouting encouragement the whole way, he led

the passengers and the train

crew to the service tunnel.

over their faces."

come back to me"

"But at first the smoke was

their faces. They lay there for 14 Fire teams faced intense heat and debris in darkness

By RICHARD DUCE

THE apparent delay of almost an hour in summoning help from Kent Fire Brigade will be one of the aspects studied by the Channel Tunnel fire

After the blaze was discovered at 9.04pm on Monday, firemen based at the English and French terminals were dispatched to investigate, but it was not until 10.02 that Eurotunnel, the operators, alerted Kent fire brigade at its headquarters in Maidstone, 30 miles from Folkestone.

Peter Coombes, deputy chief officer of Kent fire brigade, said yesterday: "There is no reason to suggest the French were in anyway wrong in the way they responded to the incident, but we would expect to be called as soon as

Speaking soon after the fire was officially said to be extinguished at 10.30am yesterday, Mr Coombes said of the delay: "I don't see it as a fly in the ointment. When we are called is the responsibility of others. Clearly there is a question

A binational safety agreement stipulates that emergency services on both sides of the tunnel should be alerted imm-

French firemen travelled in this type of vehicle

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ediately. Mr Coombes explained yesterday that Eurotunnel retained eight Kent officers on contract at its Folkestone terminal and they were sent to the scene some 13 kilometres into the tunnel on the French side.

They were the so-called first line of response and would have taken about half an hour to travel the 31 kilometres from the English terminal. After their arrival, it was then some 25 minutes before the second line of response was mobilised by Eurotunnel's emergency call. About 100 firefighters were then drafted in from stations at Hythe. Folkestone, Dover and Ashford. They would have reached the fire at about 11pm to assist their French colleagues. They travelled to the scene through the service tunnel on special vehicles provid-

Bill Welch, the divisional commander in charge of the English operation underground, yesterday described the conditions that confronted his men. "I have never seen anything like it. The heat was intense and all the lights had gone out. There was fallen

ed by Eurotunnel.



tunnel to try to disperse the The fire, believed to have broken out to the rear of the train, was finally brought under control at 6am yesterday. Damping down contin-

emergency ventilation system was switched on inside the

ued throughout the morning. The French driver of the train which left Calais at 8.45pm on Monday was alerted to the danger when an alarm went off in his cab. After radioing his control room he took the decision to evacuate the train of all 31 passengers and crew. All were exposed to smoke as they ran to the safety of the service tunnel which runs between the north and southbound

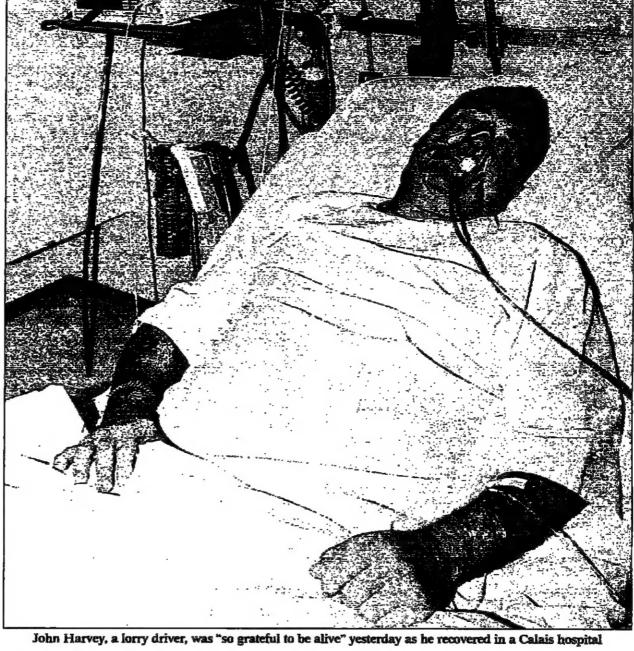
Eurotunnel then stopped a train bound for France and it picked up the passengers who did not require immediate medical attention. All the passengers and crew had been back into France by about

The last emergency practice was ten days ago when firefighters rehearsed the possibility of a terrorist attack on the tunnel. The Safety Authority was yesterday afternoon scheduled to visit the scene of the fire which caused damage to a 600-metre stretch of the

Mr Coombes said: "I was particularly proud of our firefighters. It was quite cerie that we clicked into a mode that we have rehearsed so many times."

Bill Dix. managing director of Le Shuttle, would not be drawn yesterday on whether there was concern in the apparent delay in contacting Kent fire brigade. "Our own internal investigation is under way," he said. Channel Tunnel safety is

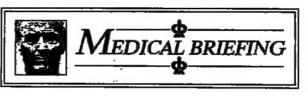
overseen by the Anglo-French Channel Tunnel Safety Authority, which was set up in 1987. It has 12 members, drawn from engineering and safety bodies in the two countries. The head of the British delegation is Edward Ryder, a former chief inspector of Nuclear Installations.



Five deadly hazards of inhalation

DEATH and injury in fires is more often the result of inhaling the noxious, hot here that burns and scalds the lungs and poisons the system than from damage to the tissues by flames. Sixtyfive per cent of fire deaths result from the inhalation of smoke and fumes: in the case of house fires 85 per cent of the fatalities, and a similar proportion of injuries, stem from smoke inhalation. All the casualites of the Channel Tunnel fire are victims of

noke inhalation. All materials when burnt give off carbon monoxide, the poisonous gas that is responsible for deaths in the home when inefficient heating devices are used. The materials also give rise to various irritant and toxic chemicals, but the composition of the cocktail of injurious gases



are burnt.

material but also on the temperature of the fire. This in turn is the consequence of the amount of oxygen avail-able. If the oxygen is in short supply, as could happen in a tunnel, the gases given off are likely to be more deadly, as they may be the result of complete combustion.

Peter Fardell, of the Fire Research Station at Watford, said there were five hazards in the atmosphere during a fire. The first danger is that the flames may have released narcotic gases. As well as carbon monoxide, these gases often include hydrogen cyanide released when substances such as wool or nylon

Smoke is an irritant, affecting not only the eyes and skin, but the whole length of the respiratory tract from the trachea to the smallest alveoli in the lungs. The sufferer has a sore throat, croaky voice and, much more worryingly. pucumonitis — inflammati and swelling of the lung

As well as these irritants, organic chemicals dischar-ged into the atmosphere can irritate the lungs. Aldehydes are given off by fuels, and styrene by polystyrene. Poly-styrene, if burnt slowly

because of fire retardants or lack of oxygen, releases the deadly styrene

leases hydrogen chloride, which can form bydrochloric acid: if this is inhaled it can dissolve the lungs. Smoke contains particulate matter. small particles of solid and liquid material that are deposited in the lungs and continue to cause trouble for veeks or months.

Finally, the heat of the fire damages the lungs. Surprisingly, very dry heat is less damaging than a moist heat. When there is a fire there is inevitably water, so that the ed with very hot water, which can scald the lungs rather

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

"It really only took about two minutes to get into the service tunnel. There are access points all along the way. and we found that we were

very close to one," he said. Mme Matczak from Haillicourt, southeast of Ca-When PCC burns it relais, and M Grard were taken to hospital by helicopter. Doctors admitted her to the intensive care unit because of the advanced stage of her pregnancy but she was later

given a clean bill of health by medical staff after receiving blood tests and x-rays. With his wife Bultez by his side — she is expecting a baby, on December 18 — M. Grard said: "We have carried out exercises plenty of times for

just this sort of thing and it worked very well. "In fact, when it all started some of the passengers thought it was just a drill Unfortunately, I had to con-

firm for them that it wasn't Matthew Parris is on page 12

Damage is likely to disrupt journeys for several weeks.

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

TRAVEL through the Channel Tunnel was due to resume today but the service will be severely limited and disruption is expected for weeks as the damage is repaired. Eurostar, which takes passengers

only, and Le Shuttle, which carries vehicles, were expected to run less than half their normal timetables. Eurostar said it believed it would be able to cope with all passengers who already had tickets, but would not be taking new bookings until Friday at

DELAYS

least. Le Shuttle will not accept new customers until Monday. Both were offering to reschedule journeys or Long delays yesterday angered

Eurostar travellers who had been waiting at Waterloo International Terminal for up to four hours. Richard Pinney, from Newbury. Berkshire, who was planning a two-day holiday in Paris, said: This is chans. The Eurostar people here don't know what is going on. Why didn't they make alternative arrangements earlier, instead of leaving us waiting around until now?"

Many French and Belgian travel-lers said they had no hotels to go to and no money to buy food. Dirk Verstock, from Brussels, said he had heard planes to Brussels and Paris would be laid on. "But I'm waiting for that to be confirmed. It seems like Eurostar were waiting until we got fed up and went away, so they did not have to pay for flights."

Passengers queuing to catch a

special train to Gatwick from where flights would leave said they wished there had been better communication from Eurostar. Paul Clark, a lecturer from the University of Leeds who was travelling to Paris for a conference, said he was still not confident of

getting there last night. Eurostar, which laid on three charter flights to Paris and two to Brussels, advised customers with tickets to travel only if absolutely necessary. It said last night that everyone who had wanted to travel had been able to do so. Some

ngers were taken by Euros Ashford in Kent, then by coach Dover and ferry to Calais and train Paris or Brussels.

But travellers hoping to switch from the tunnel to ferries suffered. further problems when foul weather: yesterday disrupted crossings from.
Dover. P&O said there were delays an hour and many passengers from
Eurostar who had not booked had to wait for later sailings, along with cars and lorries diverted from the tunnel. Traffic queued for up to five miles out of Dover.

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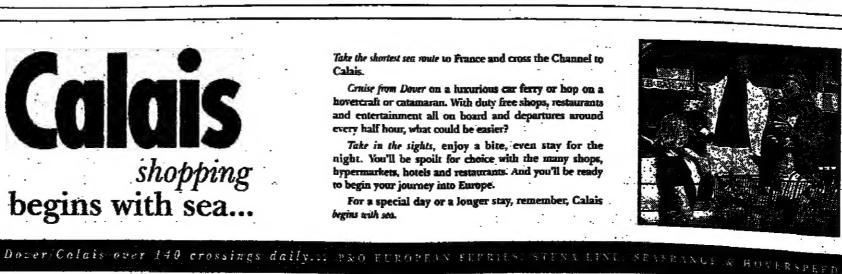
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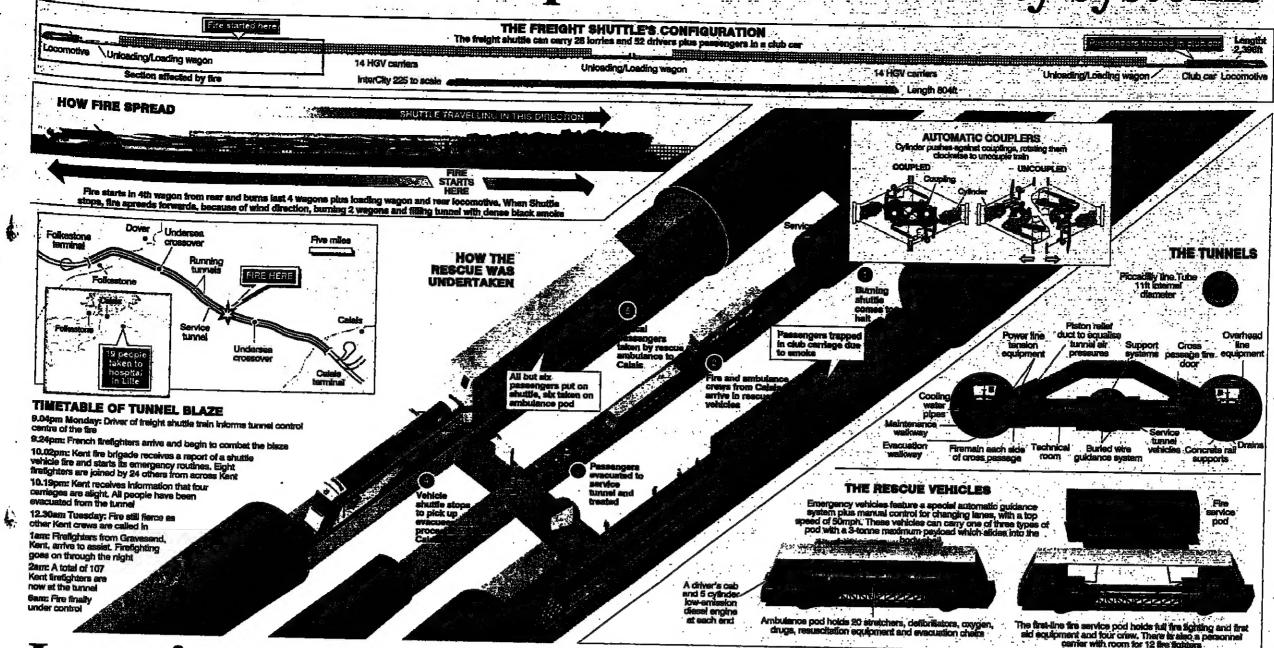
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Experts claim multiple failures in safety systems



Investigators study three black boxes for accident clues

By Jonathan Prynn AND JOANNA BALE

FRENCH accident investigators were last night studying data from three "black box" computers recovered from the Channel Tunnel freight train engulfed by flames on Mon-

day night.
The boxes, taken from the undamaged front locomotive, should explain why the blazing train stopped in the tunnel and why advanced safety systems designed to protect passengers from smoke and toxic furnes failed to work.

conversations between the driver and the control rooms at Calais and Folkestone, signal authorisations through the tunnel and fault indicators from instruments such as fire detectors. Boxes from the rear fire-damaged locomotive have not been recovered and may be too badly burnt to yield much information.

Investigations yesterday centred on the reasons why the decoupling mechanism failed to allow passengers and crew in the front locomotive and carriage to drive away, leaving the blazing carriages behind. There was also concern that tunnel ventilation sys-tems failed to create a pocket of clean air around the stranded locomotive and lorry driver compartment, leaving those on board gasping in choking

Safety experts said there had been "multiple failures"

INQUIRY

in the systems Eurotunnel had put in place to persuade the Anglo-French Channel Tunnel Safety Authority to grant the company a licence.
The Channel freight trains

getaway from the scene of a fire by the front locomotive and "club car" - the carriage where lorry drivers spend the half-hour crossing — immediately behind it. In the event of a fire on a freight wagon, the driver is supposed to press a non in the cab activating hydraulically powered decoupler. This allows the locomotive and club car to drive away from the blaze in an escape capsule", leaving behind the burning freight wagons, which have no fire

extinguishers on board. Georges Shazos, managing director for Euro-tunnel, said a power failure caused by the fire stopped the decoupling system from work-We lost power. Our inquiry will give us the exact details as to why this happened."

One theory is that the rear locomotive was so badly damaged that there was not enough power available to activate the decoupler. Alternatively, the decoupling may have taken place but damage to the overhead power lines meant the front locomotive could not be driven forward. However, even with the

train stranded in the tunnel, those on board should have been protected from the smoke by the computer-operated ventilation system. This is triggered by sensors placed every 100 metres along the wall of the tunnel that continuously analyses the air for signs of are designed to allow a swift

normal circulation of air - in the same direction of travel as the train - and pumps fresh air into the section of the tunnel nearest the passengers from the service tunnel. At the same time, giant fans are

Anne Leva, a Eurotunnel spokeswoman, insisted that system had worked but said the doors to the club car had been opened by a steward before it had a chance to disperse the smoke. "Had the steward waited a few seconds more, more smoke would have cleared," she said.

The shortfalls have raised fresh concerns about the safety of the half-mile lattice-sided freight trains. They have been criticised by safety groups for not offering enough protection against the spread of fire. The wagons have girders on each side to keep the weight down and do not have internal doors, allowing fires to spread rapidly. Enclosed wagons, which are used for passenger services, would have been too heavy for the trains' axles to bear when loaded with fully laden lorries.

Bill Dix, the commercial director of Eurotunnel, said that the company would have no choice but to replace the freight trains if their design proved to be a factor in the rapid spread of the fire. In 1992 Eurotunnel fought a long battle with the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority before being allowed to use the Canadian-built trains. Fires in tunnels are difficult to put out because the enclosed space means that heat cannot be dissipated and temperatures often exceed 1,000C.



A lattice-sided Channel Tunnel freight train

Eurotunnel will review risks

By NICK NUTTALL

RICHARD MORRIS. the former safety chief Eurotunnel and now a director, said that the company would review the list of hazardous substances and materials allowed in the Channel

Nearly 1.000 hazardous substances are already banned or restricted. There was speculation yesterday that a cargo of polystyrene combusted spontaneously, triggering

Mr Morris said that if this proved to be the culprit, the company might review carrying it as a cargo. He rejected DANGER LOADS

suggestions that commerce was being put before safety. Nuclear waste and highly flammable substances are banned from the tunnel. Whisky, paint and some other hazardous and flammable materials are carried in restricted quantities.

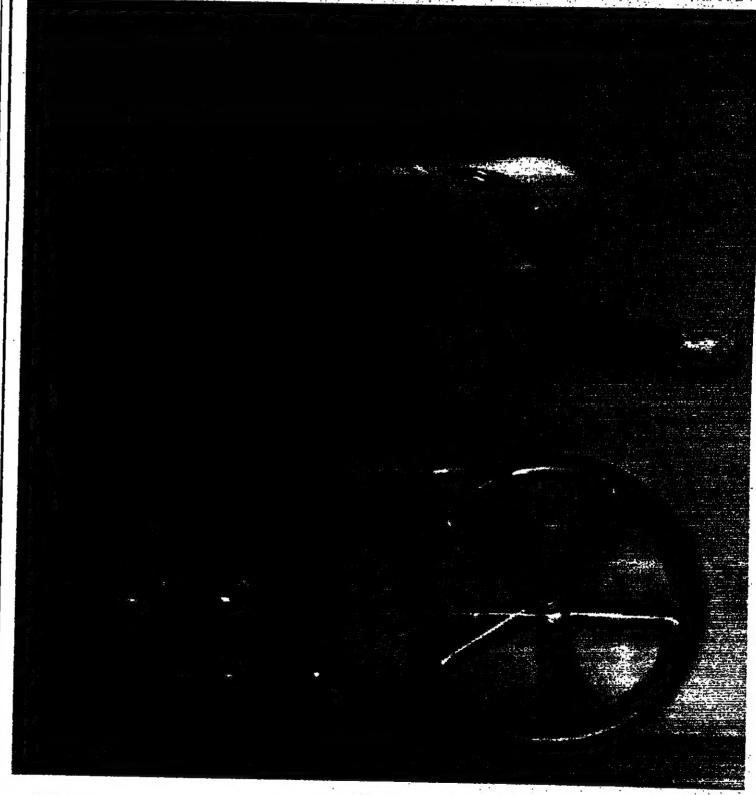
David Mathews, national health and safety officer of the Fire Brigade Union, said an urgent review of the kinds of hazardous substances carried would be welcome. A whole range of them were allowed through the tunnel, he said.

A review of the wagons that

carry freight was also needed, he said. The existing wagons, which have lattice-like walls and roofs rather than being solid, made it difficult to control a blaze and to stop it spreading to other wagons.

Eurotunnel has drafted a manual for hauliers that spells out which hazardous substances are welcome, restricted or banned. Goods vehicles face spot checks to see if they are carrying unde-

clared hazardous loads, The Freight Transport Association said last night that the rules had been drawn up in consultation with its members. "I believe we have the



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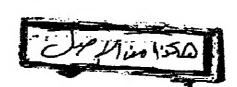
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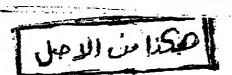
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Landlord to pay for burnt works

By PAUL WILKINSON

A STRUGGLING artist who could not pay the rent on his six years' work when his landlord made a bonfire of his paintings. Yesterday, however, after the jazz singer and art critic George Melly compared Craig Richards's work to that of Picasso, a judge ordered the landlord to pay him more than £22,000 it compensation.

Leeds County Court had been told that Mr Richards. 33, had given up college at 19 to devote his life to surrealist art. He formed a movement with another artist called the Non-Euclideans.

Mr Melly, who had travelled more than 300 miles to speak for Mr Richards, told the court: "I am very impressed with his work. I realise he is not yet selling much but van Gogh only sold one of his paintings in his lifetime and I don't see Craig

cutting off his ear just yet.

"If Picasso's landlord had come in and decided to burn his studio, millions of pounds' worth of art would have been lost. I am not making silly parallels. Craig in my opinion is that good." Mr Melly, who wore a bright purple suit for the occasion, said: "What his landlord did was an act of mindless vandalism and I find

it sickening."

Judge Bellamy had been told that Mr Richards was on the point of a nervous break-

down after his landlord. Mohammed Razaq, the owner of the property where he lived in Leeds, had burnt his paintings. Mr Richards, who now lives in Robin Hood's Bay, north Yorkshire, and was suing Mr Razaq for damages, said: "I've sold about 300 paintings in my 14-year career. The loss of my work has put me back five years. No one has the right to destroy my

He had worked in his bedsit, producing countless works and a book of poetry, most of which he had left behind when he went on tour in Europe with a pop group. He had left a note for Mr Razaq saying that he would settle the rent on his return. But when he came back he found the locks changed and his belongings gone.

Judge Bellamy said: "He has essentially had the stuffing knocked out of him. He did have an emotional illness. This affected his ability to work. On the basis of this I award £2,000. The sketch-books were an essential part of Mr Richards's work and it seems straightforward to allow £10 per hour for the 1,423 hours he put into the sketch-books. I am also allowing £150 for the 21 nights that Mr Richards was locked out of his

"I have examined the evidence from Mr Melly. What-



Craig Richards and George Melly, who described the destruction of the artist's work as vandalism

"I am satisfied on the basis

of Mr Melly's evidence that

ever a layman's view would be, he is a man of wide experience in this area. He prepared a written report, which gives me no reason to change my opinion. Mr Richards's work is forceful and eloquent. Picasso's work would have had little value in

He conceded the work of

the Non-Euclideans is not yet sought after, but he regarded the act of getting rid of the paintings as sickening. Mr Melly said in his report that 90 per cent of modern work did not affect him, but 10 per cent still excited him. Mr Richards was in this 10 per cent.

Mr Richards's work will sell in the future. I therefore grant monetary compensation in this matter, the total judgment being £22,380." The award included £3,000 for aggravated and exemplary damages. Gerry Heap, for Mr Razaq, had argued that it was innos-

monetary compensation in this matter, the total judgment being £22,380." The award included £3,000 for aggravated and exemplary damages.

Gerry Heap, for Mr Razaq, had argued that it was impossible to put a price on the bought two of his paintings. he

per hour? Because George Melly says so?" He said it was Widow'saw her stolen candelabra' in catalogue

BY TOM JONES

THE elderly widow of a French viscount told the High Court yesterday that a pair of rare candelabra that were to have been sold at Sotheby's had been stolen from her château ten years ago.

Nicole De Preval, 80, is

suing Adrian Alan, a London dealer, for the return of the eandelabra, which she says have been in her family for 150 years. She says she recognised the pair, valued at 250,000, in a Sotheby's catalogue two years ago.

Mr Alan, who has a gallery in central London, claims he bought them legitimately in 1984 from a gallery in New York, paying £5,000. He contends that Mme De Preval is mistaken in her identification and refuses to hand them back to her.

back to her.

Michael Gettleson, for Mme De Preval, said the marble and gilt bromzed set, which was "exceptional with a number of idiosyncratic features", was made by the sculptur Antoine-Louis Barye as a gift to her great-great-grandfather, a successful industrialist, for rescuing him from penerty.

from penury.

Mr. Gettleson said Mr. Alan's story was hard to believe, as the candelabras were unique. "It would be in the highest degree surprising if other candelabra of a similar type were made." He added that she could produce bills dating back to 1855 to prove ownership.

The case continues



ange in love with role

Hollywood star fulfils her desire

AN OSCAR-WINNING actress has been lured to the London stage after she fell in love with a character "who enters in the throes of a nervous breakdown and goes

downhill from there."

Jessica Lange, who won Oscars for her roles in Blue Sky and Tootsie, and who has had six. Academy Award nominations, started rehearsals this week for the part of Blanche Du Bois in Tennessee Williams's A Streetcar Named Desire. "I have never played a part that I liked more than this," she said. "I have never fallen in love with a character more than I did with Blanche."

Lange will make her West End debut in the role she played on Broadway, along-side Imogen Stubbs and Toby Stephens. Sir Peter Hall, who is directing the production, said: "It's a play I've always wanted to do. I think it's one of the masterpieces of the 20th century."

The London production opens on December 30 at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket.

Killer stabbed student 'to appease jealous boyfriend'

By Michael Horsne

THE killer of Rachael Lean wept as she told a jury yesterday how she stabbed the 18-year-old student to death on a woodland path. Maria Hnatiuk, 29, said the attack happened after her boyfriend said that Miss Lean "had to die"

She said that Ian Wells was jealous of her relationship with Miss Lean and said that if she "wanted any life at all, Rachael would have to be

Miss Lean's estranged parents, Peter and Vanessa, listened in the public gallery as Hnatiuk told the jury at Norwich Crown Court that there was no forethought to her attack. Hnatiuk, who admits manslaughter but denies murder, said: "I pulled out the knife and started stabbing her in the back and she turned around and called out my name. I just carried on stabbing her." A few days before the attack, which was

carried out near the perimeter fence at RAF Coltishall in Norfolk on September 5 last year, the two women had gone to a nightclub in Norwich. Hnatiuk said Mr Wells, 32, then began complaining about her relationship with Miss Lean.

Hnatiuk said she telephoned Miss Lean and arranged to meet her at the RAF base. Hnatiuk caught a bus there and she and Miss Lean, of Buxton, Norfolk, chatted briefly outside the Naafi building before walking off together. "She was saying about her father being in Bosnia and that she was worried about him. She didn't know what was happening with the relationship between her father and her mother, whether they were going to get back togeth-

er or not."

The pair walked down a country lane and then turned to walk back. Hnatiuk said: "It kept going around in my

mind about what Ian had been saying to me about she has to be dead and if she is not dead you can't carry on and you are going to have nothing." Hnatiuk said she dragged Miss Lean's body behind a tree after the attack and covered her with undergrowth. She said Miss Lean's leggings had come down while she dragged the body along the ground. The trial continues.

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Selection deal to settle Boat Race troubled waters

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD and Cambridge universities are poised to end 168 years of a gentleman's agreement by accepting a formal accord on eligibility for the Boat Race.

their candidates pass the equivalent of five O levels. The recruitment of out-Three schools tied for the best standing oarsmen, which triggered the 1987 Oxford mutiny featured in the film True A-level score: St Swithun's School in Winchester: King Edward VI High School for Blue, has become increasingly contentious since Cam-Girls; and King Edward's School, both in Birmingham. bridge, winner of the past four The tables show spectacular races, introduced rowing bursaries in 1994.

improvements at some schools. The biggest leap in Negotiations between the two universities started after GCSE scores came at Banovallum School in Horn-Dan Topolski, Oxford's direccastle, Lincolnshire, which tor of coaching, described these payments last April as takes those who fail to win a place at the neighbouring Queen Elizabeth Grammar "an irritant because it's taking the Boat Race perhaps in a direction it shouldn't go". School. This year 39 per cent of its GCSE candidates secured Steve Royle, Oxford's direc-

five good passes, compared tor of rowing, said yesterday: with II per cent in 1995. The negotiations are going Peter Kilfoyle, Labour's eduwell. Both sides have decided cation spokesman, said: 'Toit needs to be resolved. We are day's league tables do show some improvement, and I playing field. We are laying congratulate the schools, teachers and local education down an agreement that both clubs will honour. authorities that have contrib-"In the past it has been a uted to that improvement. gentleman's agreement. This

percentage point on last year.

With the average A-level score

also rising, pass rates in-creased for the fifth year in

Almost 100 schools saw all

is not suggesting that we are However, we are still well no longer gentlemen but we behind where we should be to have to be a little bit more meet our own targets, let alone professional because we have match the standards achieved by our international competitors." sponsors and a massive audience now." The 1996 race attracted 6.5 million television viewers in Britain, the same □ A 24-page Schools Report supplement to today's edition as most Five Nations Rugby of The Times gives the GCSE Union internationals. It was also screened in 160 other

countries. Only one Cambridge oars-

man. Ethan Ayer, the American club president and at 6ft 84 ins the tallest man to row in the race, has a bursary this year. Up to E6,000, raised by old Biues, can be available annually for an applicant, although the university has always pointed out that normal academic standards have to be met. The Oxford boat

club does not offer bursaries. The eligibility rules will also cover students doing short-term courses. Both universities are offering an increasing number of one-year postgraduate diplomas. The European Union has set up the Erasmus scholarships, in which an undergraduate from a member country can receive funding for doing a single term in any university

outstanding foreign oarsman could be recruited just for the Lent term to row in the Boat Topolski, the most success ful Oxford coach and the man at the centre of the 1987 mutiny, said yesterday: "The representatives of the universities are friends who are

in another EU country. An

interested in the same thing a marvellous event. However. everything has got out of hand. We must be clear in our minds what we all want." Dr John Marks, the senior easurer to the Cambridge

University Boat Club, said: We are close to getting a joint understanding.



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Inspectors praise school at bottom of GCSE league

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EDICATION EDITOR

THE bottom school in today's stional examination league mbles was praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no.

pupil has ever gained five high-grade GCSEs, Parkside School in Plym-cuth opened in 1993 after the merger of two schools that between them did not have a single pupil who had passed five good GCSEs. Since then it has failed to register on the five-pass scale and is the only comprehensive school in Engand with a zero score this

year. Yet, while more than 200 schools have failed inspections by the Office for Standards in Education, Parkside was found to provide an education of good quality". When inspectors visited the school a year after it opened, they udged more than 80 per cent of lessons to be satisfactory.

The official report of the inspection recorded that teaching was "generally good and in some cases very good. However, the inspectors noted: "The work of even the ablest and most enthusiastic pupils is frequently marred by the persistence of elementary errors of grammar, spelling and punctuation and careless

Ofsted said yesterday that there were no plans for a full reinspection, although inspectors have been back to check on the school's progress. Parkside's examination and

BY DAVID CHARTER

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY and college.

staff, from porters to profes-sors, staged the first general strike in the new British

higher education system

Unions said that the action

was supported by 100,000 members and said that up to

150 institutions were para-

lysed by their protest over a 1.5



Tony Darby, head of Banovallum School, whose GCSE scores improved most

truancy records had ensured that it joined the 8 per cent of schools classified as having serious weaknesses".

Simon Jenkin, Devon's chief education officer, said yester-day that the inspectors findings showed that Parkside was not failing: "It is an improving school in which I

have every confidence." David Jamieson, the Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport and a former head

Universities shut as dons join

porters in strike over pay deal

teacher in the city, also came to Parkside's defence. He said that none of his constituents had ever complained about the school.

However, none of this year's 35 GCSE candidates passed five GCSEs at grade C or above. Ten left without any

Almost two thirds of schools in today's tables improved their scores. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Em-

ployment Secretary, said that the publication of results was driving up standards. "This morning, thousands of teachers will be taking quiet satisfaction from the fact that their schools can be seen to have improved. Others, I hope, will be reflecting on the fact that they have not done so well and will be planning to put

things right," she said. and A-level results of more Nationally, 44.5 per cent of than 5,000 schools and col-



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tion. The committee has delayed until after the Budget picket lines at many universi-ties, including Oxford and a decision on whether to Cambridge, and a shutdown charge all new students in of universities in Wales. 1997 a £300 joining fee to make Vice-chancellors called the up some of the shortfall.

action misdirected. Diana Steve Rouse, chief executive Warwick, chief executive of the of the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association, said he saw little prospect of a revised offer. "Without addi-Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the staff should support its lobbytional funding there cannot be ing of ministers for a reversal a change in the offer." of last year's 21 per bent The National Union of Stufunding cut for higher dition

which was backed in a vote by 97 out of 103 college unions. Some university services were opened for students by a skeleton staff, although it was the skeleton of British higher education which was presented to the headquarters of the vice chancellors' committee in London by striking dons.

The strike will be followed

by a "work to contract" campaign in which employees will refuse to co-operate outside their official hours.

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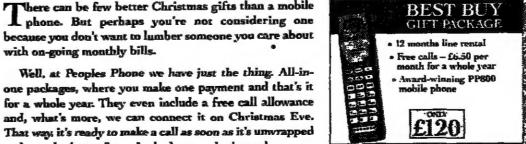
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Reynolds wins libel case but faces £1m legal bill

ALBERT REYNOLDS, the former Irish Prime Minister. is out of pocket to the tune of El million, despite winning a libel action against The Sun-

day Times yesterday.

The jury found in his favour but awarded him no damages. Unbeknown to them, he had already refused a payment into court of £5,005 by the newspaper. That decision makes him liable to pay the costs of the litigation, which involved three leading QCs. after the date of the payment. The costs are estimated unofficially at more than £1 million. Mr Reynolds, 64, who had

been accused by The Sunday Times of lying to the Dail. showed no emotion at the jury's verdict, which came after 18 hours' deliberation. He said at the end of the 24day hearing at the High Court in London: "I took this case to clear my good name and uphold my reputation. I am pleased that the jury agreed that I am not a liar. Anyone who calls me a liar will have to prove it.

Asked if he thought that the costs made the action worthwhile, he replied: There is a price to be paid for the truth and I was prepared to pay that price. But however much must be paid remains to be seen." When it was suggested he might have been better off accepting the £5.005 offer, he replied: "That is an insult."

Mr Reynolds had sued over a report in November 1994 headed "Goodbye gombeen man. Why a fib too far proved fatal". He said it was a "horrible, vicious, vilifying article which it was unnecessary to write".

The newspaper said that he did not give the full facts when he defended Harry Whelehan



Albert Reynolds outside the High Court yesterday

President of the High Court against criticism for delays in extraditing Brendan Smyth. a paedophile priest. Mr Whelehan's explanation that he had not seen the file or been told about it, and that it was a complex issue with no precedent, was all he knew when he first addressed the Dail, Mr Reynolds said.

from his new Attorney-Generhis state of knowledge.

al. Eoghan Fitzsimons. about a replica case that Mr Whelehan had previously dealt with until that night, and that was conveyed to the Dail the next day. He denied deceiving his Labour coalition partner, Dick Spring, and

pleading qualified privilege and justification. It argued enough the day before he spoke to the Dail to form the view that Mr Whelehan should not be sworn in as President of the High Court. Mr Reynolds said in evidence that he felt just absolutely dreadful" when he read the story. "A liar: I don't know of any worse thing people could say of me." His counsel, Lord Williams, QC, said Mr Reynolds would

"deny and deny and deny again" that he lied to the Dail. Mr Reynolds was not a lawyer and had relied on others for definitive advice.

Lord Williams said The Sunday Times had done a "monstrous thing" in printing the article, which, he said, contained the offensive epithet gombeen man", which the newspaper interpreted as "the local fixer with a finger in

He said that the newspaper had "mugged" Mr Reynolds with a "knife" belonging to Fergus Finlay, Mr Spring's aide, who was a source for the article. He suggested that Mr Reynolds be awarded damages of £45,000 as an "absolute base minimum".

James Price, QC, for the newspaper, which said that its story was full and accurate, portrayed Mr Reynolds as a gambler with a "streak of recklessness". He went on: "Does Mr Reynolds take responsibility for what he does? Or does he blame others - the Eoghan Fitzsimonses - honest men, distinguished men, going about their job in diffi-cult circumstances?"

He told the jury that any damages award should be very small, akin to the sum of £3,000 Mr Reynolds would have received if he had been

Keen racegoer had made £150,000 on winning streak in the courts

By AUDREY MAGEE

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A REGULAR at Cheltenham races. Albert Reynolds has both won and lost in his latest courtroom gamble. Victory has come at a hefty price, even for a rich man. He is a director of Irish and international companies and earns up to £18,000 for each lecture on the international circuit discussing his role in bringing about the 18-month IRA ceasefire which began in

August 1994. Mr Reynolds, 64, Prime Minister until the coalition Government collapsed two years ago, is very defensive of his public reputation. He regularly has solicitors' letters sent to journalists writing about him and his family. Before the case against The Sunday Times, he had successfully challenged four newspapers, other publications and broadcasters for libel on five occasions. He has received

about £150,000 in damages. Five years ago, he won £70,000 from The Sunday Times: he has twice taken action against the Irish Times, which paid about £50,000; he has received £10,000 from the publishers of The Guinness Book of Political Blunders; and, while in court in London, Mr Reynolds received £20,000 from Radio Tara, based in Co Meath and broadcasting to the United Kingdom. He recently bought a house on one of Dublin's most select streets for about £600,000. Dubliners have dubbed it

Litigation Lodge". His case against The Sunday Times received widespread coverage in the Irish media. People anxiously awaited the verdict, but bookmakers decided not to take bets because there were too many possible outcomes.

Born in Roosky, Co Roscommon, in 1932. Mr Reynolds is married with five daughters and two sons. More a

businessman than a politician, he sees everything as a deal open to negotiation. In business, his strategy helped to

create a highly profitable family enter-prise. C&D Foods in Longford, Mr Reynolds's home town, makes pet food for. companies such as Sainsbury's. He also has directorships in China. Strategic Holdings, a Hong Kong-based company which owns a majority interest in some 140 Chinese companies

But whether this strategy worked in politics has left opinion divided. He is greatly praised for his success on the Northern Ireland question, but damned

for his treatment of domestic affairs. Within minutes of the verdict reaching Ireland, his supporters complained that it was impossible for an Irishman to receive a fair trial in London. Callers to RTE radio said the verdict was typical of British justice: Mr Reynolds was innocent but he still had to foot the bill.

Church may buy brewery shares to fight teen drinks

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is considering relaxing its century-old ban on investing in the brewery and distillery trades. so that it can exert more influence against under-age drinking.

Clergy are concerned over the burgeoning trade in lowalcohol lemonades and other drinks. known as alcopops. which many fear are encouraging youngsters to drink to excess. In a report to be debated by the General Synod next summer, the ethical investment group of the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's assets, recommends a selective easing of the ban. They suggest that it be lifted in the case of brewing and distilling sectors of companies that derive "significant turnover from other

The report, which has been given a cautious welcome by bishops, says: This would allow the Church, as an investor, to make a positive contribution to the issues being dehated within the industry." The investors are



Harries: supports easing 100-year investment ban

keen "to have dialogue with companies about their policies in respect of excessive consumption and advertising. particularly that directed at

the young But the group, chaired by Sir Michael Colman, the First Church Estates Commissioner. advised against bingo being allowed at a new leisure site on the commissioners' former agricultural land at Cheshire Oaks. Last year the group recommended that the Church should withdraw its investments in BSkyB.

ford, who once sued the commissioners over their ethi cal investment policy because he felt they were not accountable enough, said he supported easing the breweries ban. Bishop Harries, a patron of the Christian Ethical Investment Group, a separate body from that responsible for the report, said: "As a person who enjoys their drink. I have always felt it is slightly illogical to have a ban on the breweries section. Breweries have moved much more into the whole entertainments business. And if the Church is in that sector, it might be able to do more to stop under-age

drinking." Church leaders are concerned that any relaxation should not be misinterpreted as endorsing alcohol consumption. Investing in breweries and distilleries has been prohibited since 1948, when the commissioners began investing in equities. The policy is also followed by the Church's Board of Finance and its pensions board. Other hanned investments include gambling, armaments, tobac-The Right Rev Richard co and newspapers.

STATE WELL Woman

referee charged

A woman referee who show ered with male players has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association. Janet Fewings, 41, of Exeter, said she was forced to use the same showers at some games because of a lack of facilities. After reports that she was upsetting girlfriends and wives, she was banned from

the touchline by the FA. Dog owner hurt

A woman suffered serious head injuries after being hit by a car as she cradled her dead dug, itself run over by a car, in Clifton. Greater Manchester. The driver who struck Debbie Pritchard. 28, did not stop. A man was later arrested.

Blackmail plot

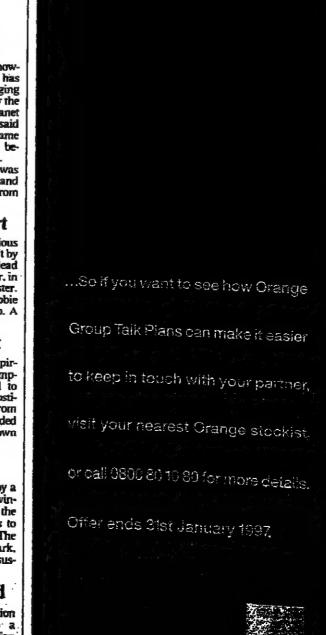
A teenager admitted conspiring with a manager at Rampton high-security hospital to blackmail the clients of prostitutes. Gemma Nolan, 19, from Nottingham, was remanded in custody at the city's Crown

Tube accident

A woman's head was hit by a Tube train, breaking its window, as she leant over the platform at Oxford Circus to watch mice on the track. The 24-year-old from Raynes Park, southwest London, has a suspected broken neck.

Monster award

The Millennium Commission is giving £1.1 million to a project to display a collection of thousands of dinosaur fossils on the Isle of Wight. The centre will open in Sandown in 1999 and aims to attract 230,000 visitors a year.



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Rustlers gobble up turkeys

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TURKEY farmers have been warned to look out for rustlers eager to exploit high prices caused by a shortage of farm-

fresh birds for Christmas. Hundreds of birds have been stolen from farms in the West Country, where Devon and Cornwall police have stepped up patrols at turkey farms and urged farmers to tighten security. Consumption of turkey has surged this year and eight weeks old during a with consumers switching to alternative meats after fears over "mad cow" disease.

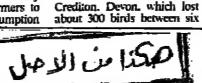
Paul Cooper, a National Farmers' Union poultry spec-ialist, said: "We always get some rustling, but this year the birds are fetching up to £50 each and offer particularly attractive pickings for thieves." The biggest robbery record-

ed so far was at a farm near

night raid in September. Andrew Gray, assistant manager at Elston Farm, said: We have had to spend £600 on a security system. I slept with the turkeys for several nights until the system was up and running.

Farm-fresh turkeys for the catering trade are fetching about El a lb, 20 per cent up on last year, while birds are selling to butchers at El.48 a lb, about 10 per cent up.





Two drivers killed as blizzards shut roads and schools

TWO people died yesterday as blizzards swept much of the country, blocking roads, clos-ing schools and leaving thousands of homes without

Heavy snowfalls brought a spate of road accidents and general traffic misery. Motoring organisations advised drivers to stay at home unless

their journey was essential.
Up to 20,000 homes blacked-out across North Wales after power lines were cut in the blizzards were likely to remain without electricity until early today because of the volume of repair work.

Drifts 8ft deep were reported in the worst-hit areas and all trans-Pennine roads were closed, except the M62 Scores of minor accidents were reported as motorists struggled to work. Others abandoned their vehicles. Breakdown and rescue services were inundated with calls.

A lorry driver died in Staf-

fordshire in an accident on the snowbound M6. His body was found crushed under one of the vehicles. Drivers of two other heavy goods vehicles were seriously injured, and 50 sheep tipped onto the carriage-way from one of the trucks were killed. Rescue services spent almost an hour releas-

ing the drivers. An RAF mountain rescue team was put on standby at its base in Stafford to help police and ambulance teams called

to stranded vehicles. The driver of a stolen car was killed in Shropshire when he crashed while being pursued by police at up to 70 mph as snow fell. The thief, still to be identified, died on the A458 Welshpool to Shrewsbury road after ignoring an instruction to stop. In worsening weather, he was pursued through Shrewsbury before the car mounted the pavement and hit a lamppost.

the worst of the early cold snap yesterday were mid and North Wales, the north Midlands and the Pennines. Forecasters said more snow was expected before rain today. Foul weather caused "a

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virtual traffic gridlock in parts of Denbighshire, Flint-shire and the Wrexham area. Up to seven inches of snow hit stretches of the main A55 coastal route. A rest centre was set up for about 50 stranded drivers at St Asaph, Denbighshire, Dozens of rural schools were forced to shut.

Electricity board officials drafted in teams of extra engineers but were unable to use helicopters because of poor visibility. "Heavy snow has brought down several lines to ground level. Severe icing is also affecting the system. We are working flat out on repairs but, regrettably, quite a large number of customers will remain off overnight," said a spokeswoman.



South Wales, more than 8,000 homes were blacked out. A spokesman for South Wales Electricity said: "Most of the problems have been caused by debris being blown into power quickly as possible.

lines. We are doing repairs as The A66 between Penrith, North Yorkshire, was closed after a series of accidents. An ambulance on its way to one of the worst accidents, in which cars collided with three jackknifed lorries, skidded off the road and had to be righted by paramedics. Elsewhere,

of bottled vinegar over the carriageway. A woman driver was taken to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, but was not thought to be seriously

injured. In the Irish Sea, a Scottish fishing boat was towed into Larne harbour after her engine cut out in force eight gales. The Silvery Sea, from Oban, got into difficulties six Kent. In Dorset, many minor miles off the Antrim coast and

had to be brought in by a tug from Belfast. Torrential rain swept most the South of England. making driving conditions hazardous, with some snow falling as far south as parts of

roads were blocked by fallen

Snow also affected parts of Scotland with the A90 between Dundee and Perth described by the AA as treacherous".

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Medical hotline to relieve 999 system

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

AN ALTERNATIVE to the 999 telephone system for med-ical emergencies is to be introduced in parts of Britain next year to relieve pressure. on overburdened operators.

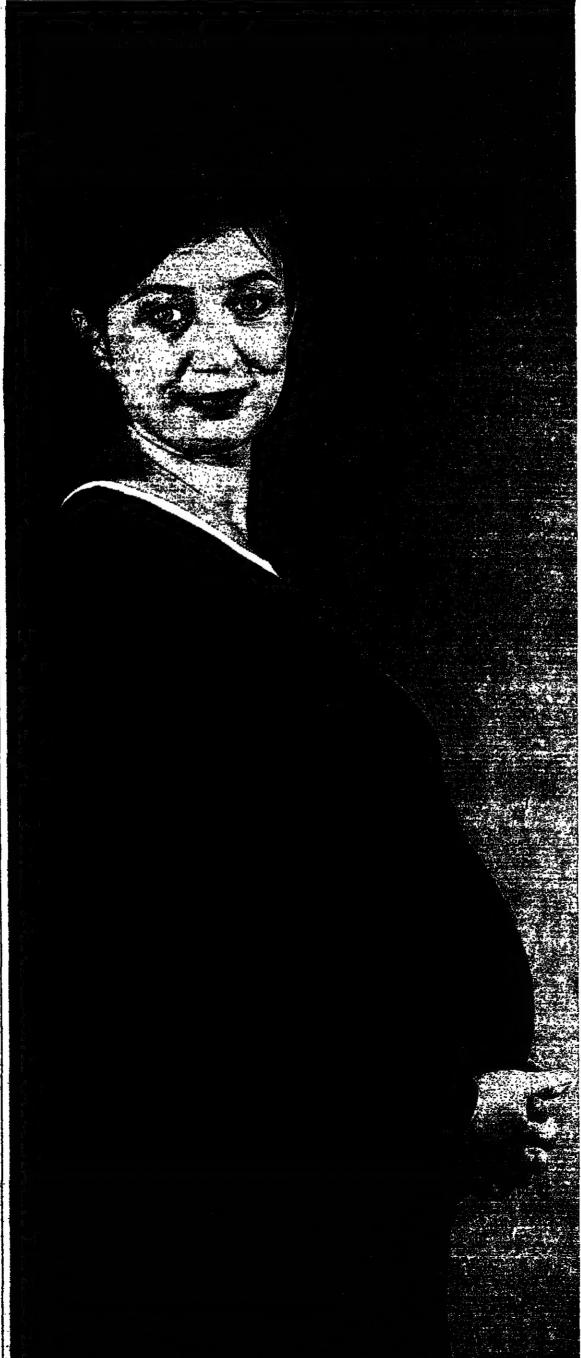
Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said yesterday that the hotline number, which will vary de-pending on location, will operate alongside the 999 service and will be for people whose crises do not require hospital care. "It gives access to what is a Virtual emergency service, wherever that may be, he

guide people to social ser-vices, mental health exers,

should wait until morning be

fore getting professional help. The move is part of a widespread review, Developing Emergency Services in the Community. The aim is to reduce pressure on 999 opera-tors, accident and emergency departments and general practitioners, the three services that people turn to immediately during most emergencies. The proposals include a public education programme encouraging the acquisition of first aid skills as a civic duty.

The speed of treatment at casualty wards is likely to be reduced. Instead of everybody being assessed immediately, as the Patient's Charter guarantees, people will be seen within 15 minutes of arrival. Non-overni cases can at best expect to be treated within



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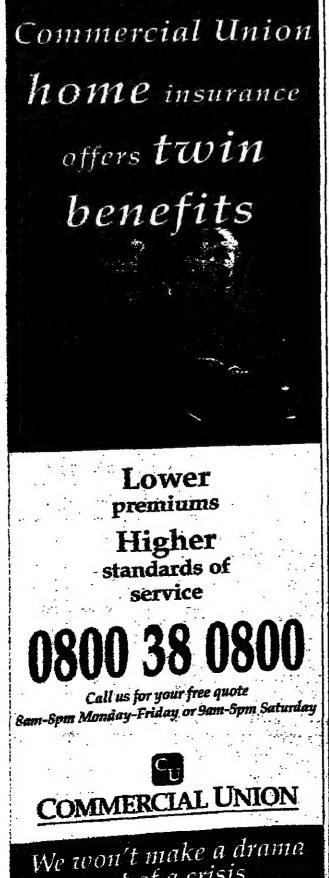




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Full horror of Nazi camp on British soil revealed

EVEN during the last week of the war Britain knew little of the horrors the Nazis had perpetrated on the Channel Island of Alderney, code-named Fortress Adolf by the Wehrmacht. It was here, on a midwinter's day, that a Russian prisoner was tied in a crucifix position at the gates of his camp and had cold water

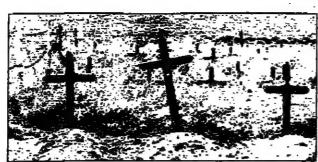
poured over him until he died. Secret wartime files that will be available for inspection by the public at the Public Record Office at Kew in southeast London today reveal that it was only after the isolated garrison surrendered in May 1945 that German soldiers told their British interrogators of the cruelty that was perpetrated at the only concentration

An intelligence report dated March 1942, produced by

M119 — a wartime organis ation that gathered intelligence from escaped prisoners and refugees - noted: "There is much less information on this island than either Guern-

The reason for this intelligence blackout was simple. A steady trickle of escapers from Guernsey and Jersey used anything from fishing boats to canoes to get to England and. after the Normandy invasion, to France. At great personal risk they often brought with them the details of the German order of battle on the Channel Islands, plus sketches and maps of German

Only Alderney, evacuated by all but a score of its 1,400 population when the Germans swept through France in the summer of 1940, remained a stubborn blank for providing intelligence. And the Germans



Graves of Russian slave workers on Alderney, and the concentration camp that was destroyed by fleeing Nazis

that way. When in July 1944 the crew of a stricken RAF raid over France, bailed out and landed near a clump of rocks off the Alderney coast, no attempt was made to pick them up and bring them ashore. Instead, German sailors watched them through binoculars as they drowned. Kanitan Massman Ithe

derney) used to send us out to get an old box floating in the Kriegsmarine Willie Paechlecke told his British interrogators at the prisoner of war holding centre at Kempton Park, Surrey, a month after the war ended. But we watched these four or five parachutes come down and were never given the order to go out and rescue

behaved honourably towards downed enemy flyers and, in any case, air crew were nor-

in a local hotel then shipped to Guernsey and Germany. But by the summer of 1944, after four years of Nazi occupation, Alderney held too many dark secrets to risk the presence of live British airmen

mally prized for their intelli-

gence value. Earlier in the

war, two shot-down Spitfire pilots had been held prisoner

on its soil. A commando raid that in September 1942 plucked seven German sailors off the lighthouse on the Casquets reef six miles west of Alderney yielded little intelligence on events on the island. Part of the reason for this was that the officer in charge of the interrogation may have been distracted from seeking further information when he

suddenly realised he had

previous posting had been on a seashore rocket range used by scientists for the development of the Germans' VI.

By the time the Lancaster crew was left to drown; most of the slave labourers, at one time as many as 7,000, were either dead or had been sent back to Germany, where many veterans perished dur-ing the last weeks of the war. Werner Holme watched ema-Russian prisoners being loaded on to a freighter called the Xavier Dosch. "In its hold these people were crowded together like herrings, without straw, beds or blankets," he told his British

interrogators. Most of the slave labour on the island was Russian or Ukrainian, but there were also French Jews, German political prisoners and Spanish repubicans who had enlisted in the French Army after their defeat

quarry guardian; a chemist called Le Poidevin who served only Germans; Ernest

L'Amy, a pro-German dance band leader; and Doctor

Kirschner, Swiss proprietor of

the Hotel Normandy in Dicq.

St Luke's, "a thoroughly dis-

The reliability of these accu-

sations can be questioned

since George Le Breuilly, manager for the Country

Gentlemen's Association, listed as a collaborationist in one

report, is later revealed to

have been arrested by the

German authorities for listen-

Similarly the Rev Pere Ma-

Helier, is accused by one group of informants of deliv-

loyal fifth columnist.

by Franco, only to fall into German hands after the collapse of France in 1940.

The main reason for the delay in the release of the newly available files is that they have been in the hands of Alderney's war criminals to court. But one glance at the by captured Germans to their interrogators in the summer of 1945 shows how difficult the task of tracing their captors would have been half a century later. A typical description reads: "Spira - clean-shaven, brown hair. Horn, late 30s, tall and heavily built."

There is a list of the German firms that were involved in employing labour on Alderney. These include Deuba-Niemoyer and Wollf-fer and Goebell. However,

Prisoners starved, beaten and worked to death

LIFE was steadily worn out of the slave labourers sent to Alderney by the Nazis. They were subject to the usual concentration camp regimen of back-breaking labour, 12 hours a day, usually seven

Systematic brutality and starvation rations drove some so crazy with hunger that they dug up animal entrails buried behind the island's slaughterhouse. SS guards baited them by feeding their dogs with German Army rations in front

The most notorious came was the SYLT camp for political prisoners, including Russian "defaulters". Of the 1,600 Russians taken to the island as forced labour, at least half

A few of the German military personnel and civilian workers appeared to have disapproved deeply of what they saw and, according to their own testimonies, dared to intervene. Martin Kescher, a crane operator, left his cab when he saw a goard beating a Russian prisoner with a down from the crane, got hold of him and said. If you hit a Russian again I will throw you into the water.

Johann Burbach, a German soldier interrogated by MII9. said the prisoners were fed only hot water and cabbage leaves and the guards were able to make a handsome profit by selling food intended for the prisoners. Other Germans said that SS guards would get their bloodhounds to chase the prisoners to the camp perimeter, where they were shot by the sentries for

trying to escape.

Grenadier Walter Schuller talked of reusable coffins. "In the summer of 1943, I was working not far away from the Russian cemetery and I wit-nessed the burial of a Russian. The grave was already dug. They got the coffin to it. There were bolts on the side. These were released and the corpse fell into the grave."

Another prisoner recalled how a French woman from Alsace, who was working on the island, discovered the body of a Russian who had become



Troops supervising the return of islanders to Alderney in January 1946. Most had been evacuated by 1940

Islanders outraged by wives who slept with Germans

NEWLY released papers about the German occupation of the Channel Islands show that people on Jersey and Guernsey were outraged by the extent to which local women cohabited with German soldiers. Intelligence reports supplied by islanders who had escaped or who were rescued by Allied troops while on their way to prisons in Germany, describe the women as "Jerrybags" or "troop carriers".

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quite disgraceful," one infor-mant reported. "There are many illegitimate children on the island born of German fathers. The Westaway crèche on Royal Parade is full of the

Many of the mothers were said to be married to serving British soldiers and one with three children by her husband was reported to have had another three by German fathers during the occupation. The authorities on both islands had to subsidise the babies' upkeep, and there was great concern because island law did not allow divorce.

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sested: "The local police are determined to turn a blind eye when the husbands return because murder will be done, and public opinion will, in

The claims are made in Ministry of Defence papers released yesterday at the Public Record Office in Kew, west London. One report claimed that the birth rate on the islands was little changed, because German soldiers had replaced potential British fathers evacuated from the islands. There was praise though for one unnamed woman who, having contracted venereal disease from a German soldier, was said to have deliberately infected three other German soldiers in revenge before she was deported to France.

It was thought that the conduct of the women might have been even worse had the Germans not been supplied with a brothel. Maison Victor Hugo, on Le Dicq, was said to

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ical checks twice a week and were run by French management under German control. France three weeks after D-Day, allegedly because the Germans were frightened they would give away too many secrets.

A party of young Jersey men who escaped the island by cance after unsuccessfully trying to form a resistance

officers, said that even after the D-Day landings in France the women quislings were "especially blind and maintaining their associations with Germans to the bitter end. Certain of them seemed to be making hay more assiduously than ever while the sun still The 1944 MI19 report said

the number of women of "ali mants suggesting that it was as many as seven out of ten, and that 800 or 900 German habies had been born since. the occupation began. There were said to have been innumerable abortions, carried out at a standard rate of five guineas for a German father and three guineas for a local man. "Many of the mothers are women married to British serving soldiers," the infor-mants said, adding: "The girls in Woolworth's and Boots probably know no better, and the manager of Boots, at least, has taken action already. His attention was drawn to the girls' behaviour quite early when he saw 'Boots for Bags' scrawled in chalk in the road before his shop. He sacked

The informants identified a Mrs Baudains as "the archfemale quisling" on Jersey. She was living with a German cantain but was also notorious as an informer who frequently earned the stan-dard £100 for information. By the time the reports were made she had already been beaten up and thrown through a plate-glass window in Union Street.

Other collaborators identi-

New Star Hotel, St Peter - "a Jerrybag of long standing; Gloria Love, the mistress of Captain Zapineck, a German entertainments officer who had been killed in France. and after his death of Colonel Heldorf: Dulcie Hibbs, of Havre des Pas, who is said to have informed on her father because she was so enamoured: a Miss Cornish, "the Chief Wolf": Phyllis Rowden, child; and Miss Mourant, the bank manager's daughter, who was "friendly" with Doctor Pelz, the German agricul-

tural officer. Later reports suggested that

The MI19 report which

came more obvious were trying wholesale to get with loyal islanders". The same informants supplied lists of male collaborators, who in-cluded black marketeers, and islanders who had helped the German forces to requisition

Robert, a barber who would only cut German hair; George Romeril, a big cattle dealer turned black marketeer; George Duhamel, an employee of the States (island parliament), charged with commandeering motor transport for the Germans and "more zealous than his duty demands": Cotillon Hill, Grouville,

lists Jersey's quislings the collaborators, once the prospect of Allied victory be-

ing to the BBC and to have refused to collaborate with them, preferring to serve his: rie of St Thomas Church, St

ering pro-German sermons, while others say he only delivered sermons to Gernans, not for them. Other suspects included the President of the Chamber of Commerce, who had a German wife; a retired officer called Colonel West who attended a German officer's funeral; an electricity company employee said to spy for Germans on his rounds; and a

former agent for Huntley and Palmer biscuits known as Herr von Clift since he had

become petrol controller on The informants also claimed that 400 to 500 Irish labourers on Jersey formed "a disreputable bloc well stuck into the black market. The Irishmen, the islanders reported, had hit upon the idea of cornering supplies of fire-wood and then selling boiling

Duke of Windsor's unpatriotic gaffes set embassy wires buzzing By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR Windsors' stay in Madrid. Hoare was reporting to London that, while they had

EMBARRASSED concern -

among ministers about the wartime conduct of the Duke of Windsor will be disclosed next month when Foreign Office papers are released.

The documents include dispatches from British ambassadors informing the Foreign Office of the Duke's contacts and movements as he and the Duchess travelled from France to Spain and Portugal, then to the Bahamas and the United States.

Besides the official messages, the material to be released at the Public Record Office is expected to include letters from some ambassadors giving details of the Duke's indiscretions and remarks. There are also questions about his friendship with a Swedish multimillionaire. Axel Wenner-Gren, considered by the Americans to be a friend of Hermann Goring.

Foreign Office archivists

have spent about a year com-

piling papers from the wartime period to the early 1950s. The trawl was prompted by a parliamentary question from Andrew MacKinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock, on whether the Foreign Office still held papers about the period. It is understood that 22 were

Philip Ziegler, who was appointed official historian to Edward VIII, is the only person outside the Government to have studied them. He used some in his book. Hoare, the former Ambassador to Madrid, telegraphed London to urge the Govern-ment to contradict German propaganda that he and the Duke were carrying on negoti-

The Duke had apparently told a member of the American Embassy staff that "the most important thing now to be done was to end the war



The Duke: was a friend of a friend of Goring

before thousands more were killed or maimed to save the faces of a few politicians". Mr Ziegler says in his book: To think this in June 1940 was forgivable: to say it openly to a representative of a foreign, even if friendly power, was to say the least indiscreet."

But by the end of the

stimulated German propa-ganda, the couple had otherwise done well. So far from making any defeatist remarks. they went out of their way to show their belief in final

Mr Mackinlay said yesterday: These papers may reveal the extent of the Duke's dialogues through intermediaries with the Germans. Certainly whilst he was staying in the Iberian peninsula there was some evidence to suggest that he had such contacts after the fall of France and caused embarrassments both for his brother, George VI, and the Government throughout the period of the war.

"I welcome the release of these papers, but there is no reason why the events of this period were not disclosed before. There needs to be transparency about the conduct of all leading public figures during this period."

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Police will get new power to curb knife violence

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are to be given comprehensive stop-and-search powers to combat the carrying of knives and possession of drugs on the streets, under plans announced by Michael

Howard yesterday.
The Home Secretary also proposed curbs on the advertsing of knives under aggressive descriptions such "The Vindicator" and "Rambo knife".

Mr Howard's surprise announcement that he wanted the police's stop-and-search powers extended came as part of the auction that has developed between the Government and Labour on pre-election law and order initatives. Two weeks ago Mr Howard said that the police would get additional powers to stop anyone they believed to be a member of a gang known to carry weapons. Under his latest proposal, police would be allowed to stop and search people, without reasonable suspicion, within specified arcas if they believed they were carrying knives or drugs. This would be authorised by a superintendent.

At present police can stop and search people without reasonable suspicion in a specified area for 24 hours if they believe there is a danger of serious violence,

Mr Howard said: "Extra stop and search powers for the police will tackle the real evil of people carrying knives in public without good reason." Last night Frances Lawrence, who presented a mani-

festo for curbing violence after ballot for backbenchers to be the murder of her husband, the headmaster Philip Lawrence, welcomed Mr Howard's proposals on extending stop and search powers in re-lation to knives. She told The Times: "I believe the Home Secretary's announcement is an advance. I am pleased: It really seems to me that Mr Howard is trying to move things forward."

Mr Howard outlined his proposals in a letter to Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and suggested they could provide the basis of a Private Member's Bill. Jimmy Wray, Labour MP for Glasgow Provan, came top in a

given the chance to pilot legislation through the Commons and has said that he might wish to act against knives. He said last night that although his Bill would deal with the marketing of knives, consultation would be needed on extending police stop-andsearch powers in relation to knives. Mr Wray added that at a meeting with David Maclean, a junior Home Office Minister, it had been agreed that his Bill would not

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search for drugs.

The new offence of marketing a knife in a way that

include extending powers to

Criminals face risk of life ban from driving

CONVICTED criminals face a life driving ban as part of their sentence under a proposal announced by the Government yesterday, Richard Ford writes,

Thieves, burglars and other offenders could be hanned regardless of whether their offences involved motor vehicles. The courts would have the power to impose life driving bans on any offender apart from fine defaulters.

Michael Howard believes that criminals will be deterred by the threat of losing their driving thence. The power, introduced as an amendment to the Crime (Sentences) Bill.

would be tested first with a

Motoring organisations criticised the plan when it was announced at the Tory party conference. The AA and RAC said that it would only add to the number of unisured motorists on the roads.

Yesterday Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "Disqualifying non-motoring offenders from driving makes little sense. It will hamper offenders' rehabilitation, create further headaches for an overstretched police service and damage the interests of

it would apply both to its name and associated sales literature. Mr Howard admitted that the measure would would not guarantee the prohibition of the sale of undesirable knives. "But it would stop them being called by unacceptable names or being accompanied by un-acceptable language."

The new marketing offence would carry a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or a £5,000 fine.

The planned extension of police powers was condemned by civil liberties groups, which said last night that any town and particularly big cities could be subject to stop-andsearch operations.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the Nat-ional Association of Probation Officers, said: "This draconian measure, if used insensitively, will do nothing but create high levels of conflict between young people and the law." John Wadham, director of

the pressure group Liberty, accused the Government of "bringing in by the back door" a measure that would mean many young people having no protection from arbitrary earching by the police.

The proposal for more powers to search for knives was welcomed by organisations representing all police ranks. David Phillips, secretary of the crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "It is important that police should have the power to search for weapons in the right circumstances."



Michael Portillo, who says bonuses are a cost-effective way of keeping trained soldiers

Army in line for pay boost

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SOLDIERS might be offered bigger bonuses as an incentive to stay in the Forces. The idea is one of several being considered by the Army Board to resolve the drastic manpower shortage in many infantry and

Michael Portillo, the De fence Secretary, has given his full backing to any Army Board initiative to boost Army numbers and has supported the cash bonuses idea. "If you have already trained people, if they are performing at their peak, to encourage them with money to stay on is a very costeffective way of maintaining them in the Armed Forces," he said in an interview with The Times. Recruiting more sol-

diers and keeping them was now the Army Board's priori-ty. He said he was expecting the board shortly to come up with "new ideas".

The latest figures show that

the manpower shortage has increased to 5,350, compared with about 4,000 a year ago. The shortage has come at a time when the Government is preparing to commit more than 1,000 troops to Zaire and is expected to confirm that about 5,000 troops will be deployed in Bosnia next year. Mr Portillo said: "We're

certainly doing a lot and it takes its toll on the Armed Forces. They spend less time with their families than I would like to see. On the other hand it is also essential that we fulfil our international responsibilities and the Armed Forces are pleased to show how useful they are. If we could recruit the numbers that we want, the problem would be eased."

Since October last year.

soldiers who have served two years in the infantry. armoured corps and Royal Artillery have been paid a £1,400 bonus to stay on for another two years. They also get £250 for recruiting a friend. Recruiting is up 35 per cent on last year, but Mr Portillo said that he did not expect the problem to be resolved within the next 12 months. "Because you have to take people in and train them. we have a thinnish pipe and you can't push huge numbers down it all at once, so on any analysis it will take some years to get this right," he said.

Queen to consider Archer's royal Bill

By ALICE THOMSON

JEFFREY ARCHER ha been told he will need th Queen's permission before h can introduce a Bill to giv women equal rights to th

throne. Constitutional experts and clerks in the Lords have been examining the peer's reques to put forward a backbench measure to end primogeni ture in the Royal Family They have decided that Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare must take the extremely rare step of presenting "an humble address" in the House.

The address, "praying that her majesty may be graciously pleased to allow that her undoubted prerogative will not stand in the way", will be heard in December, then taken to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen is expected to send a message giving her assent to a first reading within two weeks. Although Palace officials believe that a government Bill would be more appropriate, they know that there would be an outery if the Queen veloed any proposed legislation. She is presented with "an humble address" only over issues that affect her prerogative and change the law of succession.

If Lord Archer gets his first reading, the issue could be debated in early February. He was in Japan promoting his books yesterday but friends said he was thrilled with the response and convinced that the Queen supported the idea.

Self-appointed saints can spare us the sanctimony

hen Brian Mawhin-ney and Peter Man-delson offer advice to the media, it is time to be suspicious, it is rather like cheis urging stimming, good intentions contradicted by self-indulgent practice. Their words are belied by their records. There is more than a whill of hypocrisy: 1980 114

The Conservative Party chairman and Labour's clertion campaign manager yes-Westminster Media Forum about how the broadcasters and the press should cover the ricction. They made good points about the need for the media to avoid trivialisation. insider gossip about that most tedieus of topics "spin-doctors", and about the dangers of obsession with opinion polls. The media do often lose perspective and ignore the substance of policy. There is a pack mentality which discouruges originality and produces

papers slavishly follow each other over the alleged story of the day, even if it is trivial or Dr Mawhinney and Mr Mandelson are both highly intelligent sophisticated poli-

ticians. The former has, by allaccounts, taken a firm grip of Conservative Central Office election planning, while the latter is rightly regarded as one of the main architects of Labour's revival and authors of Blairism. Labour owes a lot to him. But neither is exactly a saintly figure above the fight, as they implied yesterday. They and their agents are as responsible as the media for the faults they bemoaned.

advice that all opinion polls should be ignored is a bit rich since Tory officials are among the most eager to find out the

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Politicians are fascinated by polls. Dr Mawhinney's warning that "none of us should forget that the divisions which matter, and the choices which have to be made, are between the parties, not within them" is a bit rich. His own staff have never been reticent about briefing against his Cabinet colleagues, as a distinguished list including Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Gillian Shephard

Mr Mandelson deplored negative and spurious stories and gave a number of examples. That would be more defensible if Labour, and Mr Mandelson himself, did not demean public debate by repeatedly accusing the Tories of "lying". Such language does not contribute to the "objective reporting that concentrates on the election's substantive issues" Which he seeks.

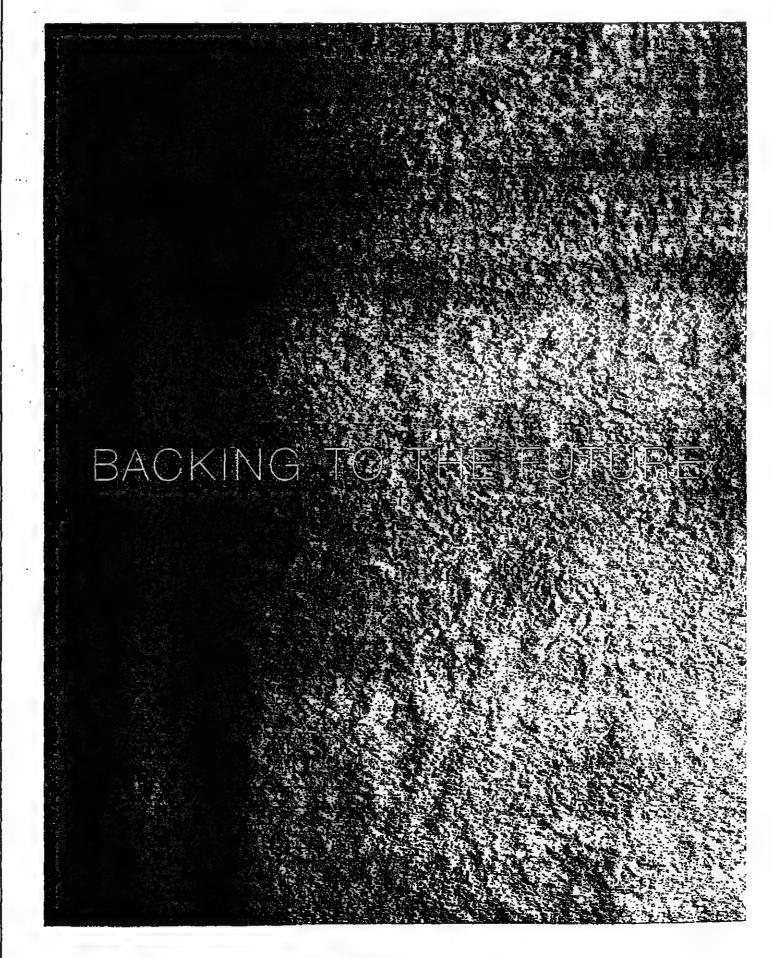
The real trouble is that Dr Mawhinney and Mr Mandelson would like the media to drop their critical faculties during elections. What they want is stories favourable to their side. What is objective to one is highly partisan to the other. I have no doubt that the parties will be seeking to guide, spin and manage the media during the next six

Mawhinney argued that during the cam-paign the media "channel messages should from those seeking a mandate to those preparing to confer it. The media's primary function during those four weeks is not to stand between the politician and the public interpreting what we mean or what we say. It is to allow the parties to set out their stalls and explain their policies so that the public can then reach a

judgment." Of course, party platforms and speeches should be reported, arguably more than they were in 1992. But these are not impartial statements, detached analyses by the International Monetary Fund of generally agreed facts. They and slanted. Elections are precisely when the press has a vital role in analysing and interpreting the claims of the parties. In the last campaign, most of the press let the Tories off lightly on their grossly over-optimistic claims about

DIX CLEEK. The press and broadcasters can certainly do better in covering politics. But politicians and "spin-doctors" should spare us sanctimonious and self-interested advice. Physician heal thyself.

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Major. It was the 300th Prime Minister's Questions which Mr Major himself has taken. 300 sessions of nonsensical questions and nonsensical answers. 300 fatuous 15minute spats which, laid end to end. would yield 60 hours of continuous babble.

Yesterday Major reached Question 6. The inquiry, like all the others, was whether he would state his engagements for the day. The reply, "I refer

Friend/Gentleman/Lady to recitations of his day's diary the answer I gave some moments ago," was the reply he always gives. Only once does he actually state his engagements: a meaningless piece of non-information.

The pointless ritual arises for reasons it is pointless to relate. Along with the pauses and the getting up and sitting down. it consume some II seconds. The initial diary-recitation consumes some 15 seconds. Simple arithmetic suggests that Major has now spent nearly six hours of his life in bland

or referring his hon Friends to the reply he gave some moments ago.

Prime Ministers are paid about £30 an hour. The skills needed to intone "I refer my hon friend to the answer I gave some moments ago" can be hired for less. It is this column's modest suggestion - tendered as a small memento to the occasion - that if the British Constitution absolutely requires somebody to recite these words twice a week, then an unem-



off the streets and asked to stand in a small soundproofed cubicle in the Palace of Westminster, out of earshot of serious politics, and intone the requisite mantra at the requisite hour.

Yesterday, John Major did the honours. It was neither his nor Tony Blair's finest hour, For what felt like the 300th time, a Tory back-

bencher (Ann Winterton) brought happy tidings of a drop of unemployment in her asked, for the 300th time, whether this would not be imperified by "the minimum wage and the social chapter (etc). For the 300th time. Major found himself about Labour's threat.

Mr Major makes an unconvincing poodle-master and Mrs Winterton an unconvincing poodle. For the 300th time, this sketch asks: Why don't they pack it

Then Tony Blair got up. His question about mixed wards in hospitals, on which he became puzzlingly insistent (returning to it three times) is the sort of things which the puzzlingly insistent control of the con which may sound logical when set out at a policy strategy meeting in a highpowered public relations con-

"You see, Tony, NHS is the message: market research shows we're ahead on health: health is on-message; economics is off-message, Look at these charts ... Peter. show him the charts ... We bit Major three times on health, then, in the final soundbite, we link through from unreliability on health

"But there isn't anything to say on health." Then we'll find

to unreliability on everything

thing Anji, dig up something on health.

. . . but which sounded odd in the Chamber. Blair sometimes gives the impression of having got a "Be a Leader of the Opposition" kit for Christ-mas, painstakingly cutting along the dotted lines, working out which tabs have to be folded back and glued, and

where the wheels go. For his part, Major often speaks as though receiving instructions from an earpiece. or perhaps the spirit world. A bizarre duo. 300 PMQs

Backbenchers unite to force currency debate into the open

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government is today facing an embarrassing defeat crucial debate on steps towards a European single

It is to be confronted by an impressive show of backbench power as MPs, spurred on by Labour leadership anxious to highlight divisions in the Tory ranks, protest at its plans to hold a discussion on preparations for economic and monetary union in a small committee room rather than on the floor of the House.

By last night, approaching 200 MPs had signed a Commons motion objecting to the procedure suggested by Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons. Today many of them intend to crowd into Committee Room 10 to make their

Labour whips were encouraging their MPs sign the motion believing that if they can get the figure up to 300 the Government will have to give way. But Mike O'Brien, Labour's Treasury spokesman in the committee, is also planning to propose in the meeting today that the debates should be taken on the floor of the Commons, and there is a real chance that the Governwould not be bound by the

change its mind would be

Euro-sceptics and Labour MPs are saying that the Government wants the issue dealt with away from the public glare to avoid the pro-European Kenneth Clarke having to face questions on the single currency.

The debate relates to three EU documents on the euro, the proposals for nations which stay outside the single currency and the "stability pact", under which countries that run up excessive deficits can be fined.

Mr Newton has ruled that

that the discussions should take place in a committee which is better suited to deal with the details of the proposals. In a memo to MPs, Mr Clarke says he is "concerned that Parliament has the opportunity to comment on these proposals" - although he does not specify his preferred forum. Mr Newton had been urged by the Commons European Legislation committee. which scrutinises all laws from Brussels, to allow a ber because of EMU's "legal and political importance". Mr Clarke in his memo is careful to stick to the Government's

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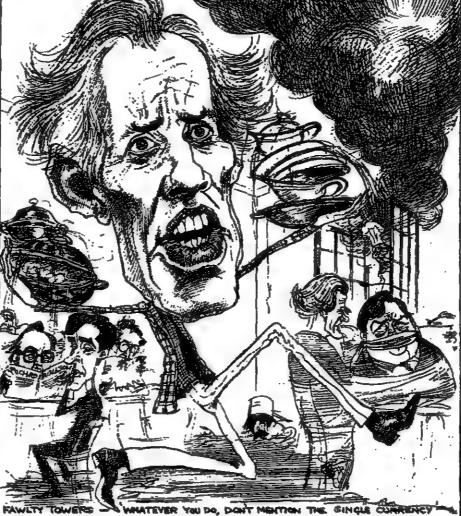
Britain eventually converts to the euro, the low inflation targets and sound public finances advocated by the EU are "sound in their own right".

The Government came under fierce attack last night. The leading Euro-sceptic Bill Cash said: "The intention when setting up the standing committees was that important matters should be left on the floor of the House. What is being done here is in direct contravention of that aim." Gordon Brown, the Shadow

Chancellor, seized on the row in a speech last night. He said: "Conservative ministers trying to deny a debate on Europe in Parliament — and more concerned about the narrow views on the extreme Conservative Right than the great concerns under discussion - are not serving the national interest well," Alistair Darling, Shadow

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "We welcome a debate on the single currency. which stands in stark contrast to the Tories, who are running away from a debate which would expose the rift between the Chancellor and his own backbenchers."

But the Pro-European Tory Hugh Dykes also backed a wider debate. The essence of He repeatedly makes the 'the ministerial posture is to the Foreign Affairs Select point that, whether or not say don't let's discuss it, it's Committee, said: "We're a



too awkward'. It's the most important subject facing the nation . . . It's essential to get that national debate launched well ahead of any decisions that have to be made for 1999 and beyond."

The former Tory minister David Howelf, chairman of

long way forward from where we were ten or 15 or 20 years ago, but there comes every now and again a major issue when it needs to be brought right to the centre of a visible nolitical debate, and that's on the floor of the House."

Negotiations on the stability pact have caused Germany to

Britain and Spain over its insistence on cast-iron rules to define when members of EMU would be allowed to run up a deficit. As a result of the deadlock. Brussels officials are predicting EU leaders will be able to agree only a broad political statement on the i

Labour promises to overhaul demoralised CPS

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR promised yesterday that in government it would carry out "wholesale reform" of the Crown Prosecution

Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, made the pledge after a survey of lawyers who work for the service revealed widespread disenchantment and low morale. Mr Straw said the findings highlighted the "need for hundamental reform of the CPS" to make it more effective in securing

The poll had fulfilled predictions from the Royal Commission in 1981 on Criminal Procedure that a single, centralised prosecution service would be borne down by the "dead hand of bureaucracy". He called for measures to de-centralise the service, make prosecutors more "sensitive to ocal concerns" and improve co-operation with police.

The poll, published yesterday by MORL found lawyers

overwhelmingly supported the idea of an independent deeply demoralised about its current management culture. More than two thirds of lawyers polled rated the CPS below average or one of the worst places to work more than half would leave their jobs given the chance.

The ratings were described by MORI as the worst among 400 public and private sector organisations in more than 20 years. The poll was commis-sioned by the First Division, the union representing 75 per cent of the 2,200 lawyers in the CPS, with a response rate of nearly 60 per cent.

Kevin Goodwin, the union's CPS section convenor, said that crown prosecutors were "degraded, demotivated, demeaned and demoralised". He added: "This survey is a warning shot. We want a root and branch overhaul of management ethos ared culture."

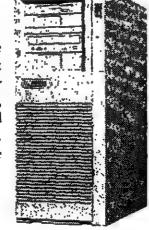
Brown warns utilities

GORDON BROWN delivered a tough warning to privatised utilities last night telling them not to try to wriggle out of paying a windfall tax on their excess profits (Jill Sherman

in a speech to the sondon International Futures and Options Exchange, the Shadow

companies were already, trying to get out of paying the levy through avoidance schemes. Let me make dear there is no measure taken by the utilities, whether it be the use of special dividencis, share buy backs; tax havens, or the sale of capital allowances.

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Centre for Nazi-hunting hreatened with closure

ON WIESENTHAL, the an Nazi-hunter, has aped to German ministers a close the Central Agency nvestigating war crimes, h has helped to bring a than 6,000 people to

stice ministers from Ger-1y's 16 states meet today to uss the fate of the agency udwigsburg. Some states, er pressure to cut public nding, want the many hunis of thousands of files and 1.5 million index cards to transferred to the federal hives in Koblenz — thus ing the £1 million a year it is to run Germany's main zi-hunting centre.

terr Wiesenthal believes transferring the files uld slow the search for war minals. "No institution has ne more for the honour of rmany than the Central ency in Ludwigsburg." he id from his home in Vienna. Underpinning the debate is e feeling that the search for azis is coming to a close. illi Dressen, director of the idwigsburg agency, under-ands the dilemma. In an terview with *The Times*, he inceded: "Nazi-hunting is ming to an end. Most crimials are very old or dying, and) are the witnesses." The lazi-hunters are also ageing. lerr Wiesenthal is 87 and lerr Dressen's predecessor. .lfred Streim, died in August. It is becoming more and nore difficult to make the harges against Nazis stick in ourt. Erich Priebke, a former S captain, was freed by an talian court this summer. ilthough he had admitted aking part in the worst war-

Germany's main investigation agency into war crimes by Hitler's regime may be forced to cease work, Roger Boyes reports

time atrocity in Italy. John Demjanjuk, the Ukrainian American, argued successfully in an Israeli court that he was not "Ivan the Terrible", the brutal Treblinka camp guard.

Herr Dressen, a stocky. grey-haired lawyer, has been involved in 106,000 investigations, but only 6,494 have resulted in trials. "Twelve of them were sentenced to death, 166 to life imprisonment," he said. "Most went to jail, but I do remember one 67-year-old who got out of prison because he claimed he was an underage youth when he committed his crimes." He is on the trail of another 30 or 40 suspected

Nazi-hunting is expensive. To pay for air fares and investigations abroad, Herr Dressen has had to save

on computer, no money for furniture. The agency does not seem to have changed much since it was set up in 1958. Hunting of Nazis remains a

deeply unpopular profession. Two petrol bombs have been thrown into the building and bombs left near the door. 'When Streim died," remembers his successor, "I got many letters saying, "Congratula-tions! May Streim rot in hell and may you soon join him." His one extravagance is a door that is bomb-proof and fire-

Herr Dressen believes that Nazi-hunters should transform themselves into historians and educators. He says his files should not disappear into the federal archives in Koblenz. "We are much more liberal than the federal ar-



Simon Wiesenthal, who wants the agency to remain open

our documents." The director only blacks out the names of some living people.

The first sign of trouble in the Nazi-hunting community came earlier this year. A German television film attacked Herr Wiesenthal, claiming that he had exaggerated his role in capturing Adolf Eichmann (hanged in Israel in 1961) and in tracing Martin Bormann, the Nazi Party chancellor, and Josef camp doctor.

Critics included Beate Klarsfeld, the French Nazihunter, Isser Harel, the retired Mossad chief, and Eli Rosenbaum, chief of the OSI. Until then, Nazi-hunters had kept their differences private.

The reason for the public arguments is simple: with few Nazis left to chase, the Nazihunters are now chasing

Herr Dressen, however, did not much want the job. "In 1967 I was a young lawyer and was sent to Ludwigsburg: it was no place to start a career. He fears that his hundreds of thousands of files will fall apart, just like people's memories. Every senior member of his staff has to take a file home

in the evening and repair it. Young neo-Nazis are often ordered to spend time at the agency, reading the details of how men and women were shot and gassed. Herr Dressen believes this might become one of the functions of fy Hitler and the Nazls without knowing the first thing about them. So we try to show



The Pope welcomes President Castro at the Vatican yesterday, where the Cuban leader invited the pontiff to visit the Communist island next year. The pontiff accepted, but no date was set (Richard Owen writes). Senor Castro, 70, brought up a Jesuit before turning to Marxism, spent 35 minutes alone with the Pope in his study during which he was urged to give greater reli-

Pope accepts Castro offer

cious freedom to the Cathoile Church. Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican Secretary of State, said that there were fewer than 200 priests serving a population of il million in Cubs. Like cartier Communist visitors to the Vatican, Schor Castro.

looked stunned by the splendours of the Vatican, including the Sistine Chapel, which he described as a

"marvel". The Cuban leader toured St Peter's Basilica and seemed overawed. spending a long time gazing at Michelangelo's Pietà (the Virgin Mary holding the fixion), St Peter's Tomb, and a bronze statue of the apos-

for calm.

for next year. Unstable nuclear power stations are also a big worry, and Norway is pressing for the immediate closure of the two most dangerous in the peninsula. Mr Godal strongly criti-

Belarus leader shrugs off protests

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT Lukashenko yesterday ignored the growing clamour of protest at home and abroad over his attempts to acquire dictatorial powers, labelling his opponents "lackeys of the West".

With only days to go before his controversial referendum scheduled for Sunday, the Belarussian leader showed no signs of tempering his lan-guage or his policies in the bitter dispute with parliament. which many fear could spill over into bloodshed. Anti-Lukashenko MPs, who have occupied the assembly build-ing since Friday, have begun moves to impeach their leader and have won the backing of key figures like Mikhail Chigir, the Prime Minister, who resigned on Monday.

However, obeservers lieve that the protests are unlikely to make much difference. Mr Lukashenko controls key institutions, in particular security forces and the media, and has much public

support in rural areas.

I will not give up the reins of power. The people did not entrust there to me to be given up," the President told 17,000 supporters in Borisov.

These people [MPs] are ready to destroy the state for the sake of their ambitions," he said. "There will be no turning back; we will force them to respect the will of the America, Britain, France

and Germany have con-demned Mr Lukashenko for his "illegal" referendum.
Opposition politicians in
Belarus gave a warning that a
new Cold War loomed if the President won his attempt to increase his powers.

Belarus with gas and other basic needs, is the only externat power likely to be of any real influence on the outcome of the current stand-off. So far. however. Moscow has limited its public remarks to appeals

Yeltsin fears: Kremlin watchers remain worried about President Yeltsin's recovery after heart surgery when he again falled to appear on television after meeting

Russian nuclear waste is 'greatest security threat for the West' By MICHAEL BINYON clean up the nuclear waste around solid radioactive waste, developing new Russian technology for treat-ing liquid radioactive waste, reduccarry spent fuel. More worrying was the possibility that the fuel, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR Murmansk and reduce the threat of poor condition, are now tied up in now "proceeding satisfactorily" a catastrophe. After the Moscow and the two countries have set up seven projects to tackle the most the harbours near Murmansk. Mr which would have to be repro-RUSTING nuclear submarines, Group of Seven nuclear summit in ing the volume of all such material Godal expressed concern at Rusand developing a prototype con-tainer for the interim storage of April, Britain agreed to join a urgent dangers. Norway has set aside 230 million krone (£21.5 Contact Expert Group to co-ordimillion) for a plan of action for 1995-96 and a further 100 million krone nate the Western help in dealing spent nuclear fuel.

unstable nuclear power stations, leaking waste tanks and poor storage of radioactive plutonium make the Kola peninsula in northwest Russia the greatest threat to Western security, according to a recent report to the Norwegian

parliament. senior Norwegian Yesterday officials had talks at the Foreign with radioactive waste.

In September Norway, Russia and America signed a trilateral agreement on Arctic military environmental co-operation. The main focus will be on the dismanting of Russian nuclear submarines. The

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Foreign Minister, told the Norwegian parliament recently: "Nuclear contamination in Russia and the Eastern European countries represents one of the greatest environmental and security policy

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sian proposals to tow them to shippards along the Kola coast which have little experience of their nuclear problems. Norway wants other countries to help in a plan to build a specialised vessel to transport the dangerous cargo and radioactive waste to sites on land. Mr Godal said that these propos-

als would not aid the Russian Some 90 ageing Russian submable regular inspections to ensure Oslo earlier this year, Mr Godal another nuclear plant in Kursk

cessed in Russia's only specialised plant at Mayak in Siberia, could fall into the wrong hands. He said extracted uranium and plutonium could be used for weapons production, but this did not seem likely. Norway was discussing with Moscow how to stop nuclear smuggiers taking enriched uranium to states trying to build nuclear bombs.

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offer the rebels couldn't refuse.

They would be faced with the

sort of armed force that they

that ministers had been of-

fered a military package for

Zaire ranging from 1,500 to

4,000 troops, but indicated last

night that the force levels would be around the lower

Portillo victory: The De-

fence Secretary appeared to

score a minor diplomatic coup

in his meeting yesterday with

General Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister,

who said later he was

reassured that Nato was not a

threat to Russian security, a

point he has rarely conceded.

However, General Rodio-nov said that millions of

people, particularly Russians,

still remained to be convinced

of this fact, "just as we have to

convince the West that Russia

poses no threat to the West".

The defence sources said

had never seen in their lives.

THE deplyment of British troops to Zare is to be delayed to allow in the reconnais-sance of the egion by an RAF Canberra accraft.

The plan equipped with high-resoluton cameras, will take off this norning for Zaire from RAF Marham in Norfolk. Speaing in Moscow during a two-day visit, Michael Portillo,he Defence Secretary, said hat he had been briefed on he findings of a British Arry reconnaissance team, which has just returned from Centra Africa.

The grap was present when som 500,000 Hutus returned toRwanda over the past few das from Goma in Zaire, although Mr Portillo said that the fate of a huge refugee population near Bukavu was lessilear. The Defence Secretary sid he intended to launch a cappaign to get the message agoss to Hutus still in Zaire tht those who had crossed theborder had been allowed hone and had not

Last nigh, the 43-man British reconnissance party, led by Brigadic Jonathan Thornson, advisd ministers that more time vas needed before troops weresent to the region. One senio Ministry of Deteam, said: It would be wrong

more about the situation on .. be a question of making an the ground."

However, Britain has accepted in principle the respon-sibility for handling refugees in the Bukavu area at the southern end of Lake Kivu; where it is believed that hundreds of thousands of them are still located. In Goma, north of Lake Kivu, which is to be the American area of operation, all the refusees have either returned or are

returning to Rwanda. found it would be possible to send C130 Hercules planes to the airfield at Bukavu and ministers have been advised that a British sector could be set up in the area. The main challenge, the group said, would be to find out whether the alliance of five rebel forces was holding the refugees

A source close to the reconnaissance party said a local figure called Commander Caesar had said that it would be "mad" to try to take a British platoon into the refugee camp in the Bukavu area. However, Brigadier Thomson is understood to feel confident that well-armed British troops could mount patrols in the area and help the refugees without having to take on the rebel militia.

Exhausted Hutus find little rest

Gisenyi, Rwanda: Huge bot-tlenecks of exhausted Hutu returnees built up inside Rwanda yesterday.

While the human tide of refugees entering Rwanda from Goma, Zaire, slowed to a trickle, for many Hutus the suffering continued in the homeland they fled in 1994 after their kinsmen commit ted genocide against minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

Tens of thousands of returning refugees demanding food blocked the streets of Nkamira, 13 miles from the border. Two soldiers stood on guard outside a United Nations transit centre Nkamira, stopping refugees from entering to have a rest, sleep and receive food as planned by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Rwandan authorities insist after days of marching and sleeping rough, must trudging onwards to their

A spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross accused Rwandan soldiers of commandeering four of its trucks to ferry refugees out of the crammed border area. (Reuter)



A Rwandan Hutu woman plays with her child on her return home to Rubavu, 12 miles east of Gisenyi

US will not send combat troops

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA has overturned last week's plan to commit combat gound troops to Zaire, and will now send fewer than 000 support staff,

the Pentago said yesterday. William Erry, the Defence Secretary, sid that the peaceful return of more than 500,000 refuees to Rwanda over the pasiew days was "a which mean that US commu troops were in longer needed.

US for involvement in Zaire. Last Fiday, President SE101 America world send 5,000 troops to Zire and neigh-bouring couries, including L000 combs troops. The President's mye, against the advice of the National Security Council coincided with the White Pouse's formal recognition that US troops would have a prolong their

As Rwandan refugees began aturning home from Zaire at the weekend, Republicans in Congress criticised Mr Clinon for his baste in offering US troops.

Mr Perry said in Washington that the US still planned to take part in the military operation to support the vol untary repairiation of refugees to Rwanda. This force will requie considerably fewer troops han originally envisioned and will operate chiefly in Rwanda," he said.

"Our current thinking is that the US contribution to this effort will be less than 1,000 troops. And these will be support logistics troops rather than combat troops."

According to the Pentagon US Air Force teams have already moved into Kigali, the Rwandan capital, Mombasa, in Kenya, and Entebbe, Uganda, to help transport aid and support staff into Rwanda. The first C17 cargo plane left Germany yesterday, load-Kigali to set up an air traffic

control system Mr Perry added that while the situation in Central Africa remained fluid, Washington was prepared to send troops to help other military units in Zaire if necessary.

Mr Clinton, who arrived in Sydney yesterday on a threeweek tour of Australia and Asia, is urgently seeking a replacement for Mr Perry. who wants to leave the Cabinet for the private sector.



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Finally, a piece of

Unveiling of another 'mole' shakes CIA chiefs



A BELEAGUERED CLA tried to refurbish the tarnished image of American espionage yesterday after it emerged that a senior agent arrested for spying against Washing-ton had first passed secrets to Moscow at the height of the Aldrich

Ames case two years ago. Harold Nicholson, 46, the highestranking US agent to be charged with spying for a foreign power, had been taken into custody as he boarded a plane to meet his Russian controllers in Switzerland last weekend. He

less sent shockwaves through the Virginia headquarters at Langley where John Deutch, the director, had claimed personal pride in resurrecting the agency from its darkest hour. Mr Deutch, who hopes to succeed William Perry as Defence Secretary

appeared before a court in Virginia in a new Clinton Administration, this week charged with selling classified documents, including details echelons of the CIA after his prede-

fied documents, including details about CIA trainees and other personnel, for more than \$120,000 (about £75,000) to the Russians.

Although there is no apparent link between Ames, the most damaging million from Moscow, sent at least ten allied agents to their deaths and incomplied more than 100 covert

operations in Europe.

Although both Mr Deutch and Louis Freeh, the FBI director, portrayed Mr Nicholson's arrest as proof that America's espionage community had become more alert to the question of moles, the CIA director

was forced to concede yesterday that not be explained by Mr Nicholson's other "sour apples" may still exist __annual salary of \$73,000, within his agency. Even so, he was still able to pass on The final piece of evidence against information to his handlers.

CIA surveillance team recorded him on film kneeling beneath his desk and photographing secret documents with a high-definition briefcase camera requisitioned from the field equipment department. But an investigation of the suspect had been under way for nearly a year. Agents wove a case against him based on answers to lie-detector tests, a pattern of overseas travel unrelated to his work and bank deposits that could

Mr Nicholson came last week when a ... In recent weeks, investigators had searched his home, car and mailboxes that they believe he used to send postcards with cryptic mes-sages. One card of the US Capitol dated August 1 was addressed "Hello Old Friend" and suggested a "ski holiday" on November 23 and 24. Signed by Nevil Strachey, the card is thought to have been a signal for a meeting with the Russians on the two dates. It bore the postscript: "The snow should be fine by then."

Britain

backs

Boutros

Ghali

FROM JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN sided with Bourrow

Boutros Ghali against the United States yesterday as Washington formally vetoed the United Nations Secretary-

General's hopes of a second

term.
The Americans stood alone

as the other members of the 15-nation UN Security Council voted in favour of recommend-

ing Dr. Boutros Ghali for

US diplomats expressed dis-

appointment and said it was

essential to find a new UN

chief able restore the confi-dence of the US Congress in the world organisation. The Clinton Administration owes

\$1.4 billion (more than £840

million) in UN dues and can

end of 1991 and had several

disputes with him over Bosnia in the first half of his term. But

relations improved as he yielded to European pressure for a

UN peacekeeping force in the

a conscientious and competent

job," said Sir John Weston,

Britain's representative.

African countries met after

the vote to discuss their next

step and were likely to propose

new African candidates in line

with an understanding that

preference should be given to

"Britain thinks he has done

another five-year term.



Brussels: The Begian parliament yesterday opened an inquiry into paeophile allegations against Eio Di Rupo, the Deputy Price Minister (Charles Bremer writes). Similar steps wee taken by two regional assemblies in the case of Jean-Piere Grafe, a

minister in Walloia. Brussels proseutors handed parliament tvo files containing allegatios that the ministers had ngaged in homosexual acts with underage boys.

Promotion for Bucharestmayor

Bucharest VictorCiorbea, the man who beat former the former tennis star. The Nastase, in elections for Mayor of Bucharest has been appointed Romaia's Prime Minister. Mr Cirbea, 42, a former trade uninist, gained a reputation for exciency and incorruptibility ir his administration of the caital. (AP)

Chiluba on way to Zambiawin

Lusaka: Presidet Chiluba and his ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy ap-pear to be on that way to a landslide victory n Zambia's general elections (Jan Raath writes). A surpringly high turnout promise a parliament with ally opposition.

only pay the arrears if the Republican-controlled Con-Greece wil miss gress appropriates the money. Britain initially opposed Dr **EMU firstround** Boutros Ghali's appointment as Secretary-General at the

Athens: Greece vill not be in the first batch of tates to join economic and moetary union (EMU) in 1999 and will strug-gle to make the scond round. Costas Simitis, th Prime Minister, said. He was speaking after a Cabinet meting on the 1997 budget (AP,

Broken home

Sarajevo: A donestic dispute in the Bosnian toyn of Bijelina reached an exposive climax when a Serb pan fired a batooka at his we. He missed and severely dimaged their

Germany jails Palestinian for 1977 hijack

RMANY yesterday closed and the widow of the pilot. The loody chapter of its postwar the 1977 hijacking of a thansa jet and the murder

ouhaila Andrawes, 43, ke down in tears when the mburg judges read out the dict and rejected her de-ice that she did not persony pull the trigger on the ot, Jürgen Schumann.

A Palestinian group hi-ked the plane to Mogadiu, the capital of Somalia, to it pressure on the German overnment to free 11 jailed embers of the Red Army iction. The plane was ormed by a German unter-terrorist unit accomunied by two members of the ritish SAS. All the hijackers ere killed apart from ndrawes, who was wounded the leg. The 86 hostages ere freed unharmed.

An ITV documentary to be hown next month has rought together Andrawes

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

IN JURUSALEM

NATAN SHARANSKY, the best-

known former Soviet Jewish

refusenik, will return early next week

to Russia to a red-carpet welcome.

His visit, ten years after he was freed

after serving nine years of a 13-year

encounter, shortly before the ory by jailing for 12 years a former terrorist was extradit-ner Palestinian terrorist ed from Oslo to Germany, was a classic attempt to bridge the gap between victim and criminal. Andrawes made clear that while she regretted the killing of the pilot, she saw herself both as a victim and as a heroine for the Palestinian

> Survivors of the hijack remember Andrawes not as a restraining influence on the other terrorists, but rather as one of the most brutal. She is the grenades always shouting and screaming at us". As the pilot was shot, she stood by eating an apple with one hand and holding a grenade in the

Andrawes was sentenced to 20 years in a Somali prison but was released because of illhealth after a year and returned home to Beirut. She then moved around the world and in 1992 was allowed to



Souhaila Andrawes, a former Palestinian terrorist, is comforted by her lawyer before sentencing in Hamburg yesterday

unravelled much of the Red Army Faction network, with the help of ex-terrorists caught in former East Germany, and had enough evidence to justify an extradition request.

Her lawyers argued that she associated events, such as the

Mr Sharansky, 48, will be accompa-

nied on the emotional week-long trip

to Moscow and St Petersburg by his

mother and his wife. Avital, whose

tireless campaign for his freedom

turned him into an international

symbol of the struggle against totalitarianism in the 1980s.

day after their marriage in 1974.

terrorists including Andreas Baader, and the killing of the but the German authorities were insistent that she had not head of German industry, Hanns-Martin Schleyer, left a been brought to book properly. The sentencing seems to have satisfied a longing for justice in Germany. The Mogdeep scar which has never fully healed. adishu hijack, with all its

Later, at his trial, Mr Sharansky

shouted defiantly "Next year in

new immigrants from the former

Soviet Union and chief spokesman

for the ministry, said Mr Sharansky

spent a year and a half in solitary

orbitiarianism in the 1980s. had requested permission to visit Lef-Mrs Sharansky was expelled one ortovo prison in Moscow, where he

Roman Polonsky, one of 700,000

Jerusalem" before being led away.

☐ Iran protest: Security was stepped up at the German Embassy in Tehran yesterday

as protesters again demonstrated against what they called a "den of spies". Relations have been soured by the trial in Berlin of men accused of murdering three Kurdish opposition leaders, allegedly acting under orders from

Moscow to roll out red carpet for Jewish dissident who made good

confinement before his trial. "The

Russian authorities have not yet informed us whether they will allow that visit," he said. Mr Sharansky has vowed to use his influence to improve the status of former Soviet immigrants to Israel and persuade another million to emigrate and transform the charac-

are set on improving trade and diplomatic relations with Moscow. sentence on trumped-up charges of

being a CIA spy, signifies how

relations between the two countries

In his new role as Israeli Minister

of Trade and Industry, and leader of

a successful party for former Soviet

immigrants in the Jewish state, he

will lead more than 80 Israelis who

have been transformed.

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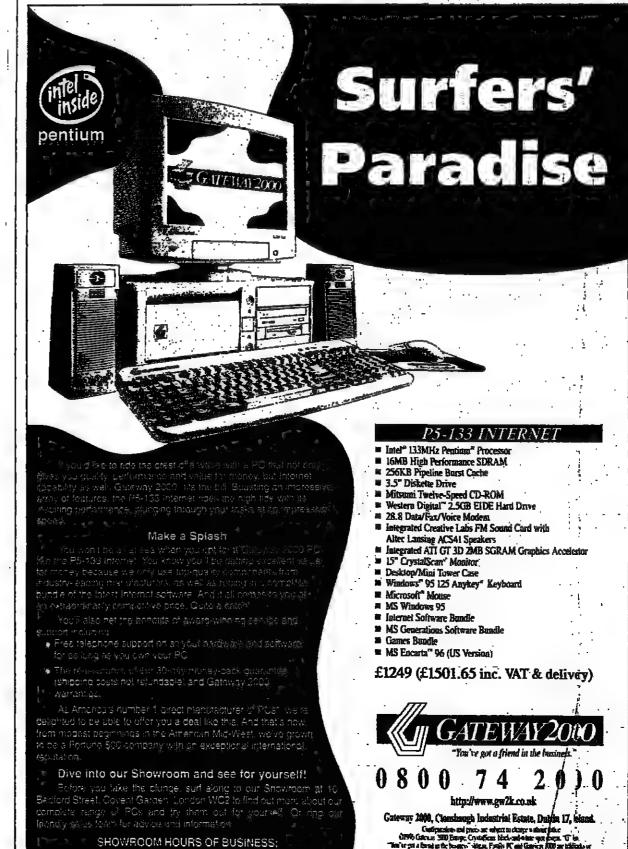
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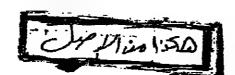
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Hobart court told how killer laughed as 35 victims died

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE gunran accused of the world's worst civilian shooting grinned and laughed as he slaughtered 35 people in Tas-mania, a Hobart court was

The courtalso heard that he deliberately sought out a sixyear-old girl hiding behind a tree who hethen shot at pointblank range in the back of the

Martin 3ryant, who has pleaded guilty to 72 charges arising from last April's massacre at the former penal colony of Port Arthur, approached little Alannah Mikac after murdering her mother, Naneste, and her three-year-cld sister. Mad-eline. Then he calmly pushed the muzzle of the gun into her neck and pulled the trigger. Damian Bigg, the Director of Public Projecutions, told the

Tasmania's Supreme Court was also old how an unnamed surrivor watched Bryant, 29, open fire on customers in the Broad Arrow cale.

He appeared to be laughing in an aggressive way rather than an amused way." Mr Bugg said. "He said Bryant waked from table to table shooting people in the

Earlier Bryant, whose long blond hair 12d been cut short for the court appearance, covered his face as the Crown prosecutor asked that he be

given a life sentence with no possibility of release. At times he glanced up at the public gallery where many of the victims' families sat.

Mr Bugg said that Bryant began building up his supply of ammunition and weapons over several months before the massacre, even hiding his semi-automatic guns in a piano in his house.

"Clearly at that particular time he intended to embark upon his murderous and violent conduct at Port Arthur." Mr Bugg said. The massacre had an "air of pre-planning".

After Bryant shot his first victims, an elderly couple who ran the small Seascape guest house just outside the Port Arthur site, he made his way to the Broad Arrow café.



An artist's impression of Martin Bryant

they thought it was a historical re-enactment. Then Bryant opened fire with his semiomatic weapon, laughing at his victims as they tried to dive for cover under tables.

Fifteen seconds later 12 people were dead. A minute later a further eight were

The court was also shown a one-minute video shot by an American tourist who was at the scene of the tragedy shortly after Bryant had left the cafe. Filmed from 100 yards away. Bryant was seen shooting at the camera at times and following his victims around with his gun pointed in their direction. While watching the video from the dock, Bryant grinned but at times looked

Mr Bugg said Bryant gave no indication of his intentions when he had dinner with his mother and girlfriend in Hobart the previous evening.

The following morning he stopped and spoke to several people at a shop and petrol. station when he drove from Hobart to Port Arthur. Two of the witnesses who spoke to him asked him if he was going

"No. I am going to the island of the dead to get rid of some Wasps," he reportedly

The judge is expected to



Survivor Walter Mikae with his wife Nanette, their three-year-old daughter, Mädeline, and six-year-old Alannah, all Bryant's victims. Alannah was killed by a shot in the head

Blow to Hindu as court permit beauty pageant

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

eant was given the go shead by an Indian court yesterday, on condition that there is no "indecent exposure of the bod-ies of participants amounting to obscenity and nudity".

It was a defeat for Hindu nationalists, who are threatening to use violence to halt the event, due to be televised.

globally on Saturday.— The increasingly militant Hindutva (Hindutess) movement is gaining strength as a backlash against liberal trends and Western influences that are bringing rapid changes to conservative rural India, where nearly 80 per cent of the population live. The movement gained notoriety last month after a mob destroyed works by Maqbool Husain, India's most celebrated living artist, who is a

The violent trend is fuelled by the state government of Maharashtra, India's richest region, where Hindu nationalists are in power. Mr Husain faces possible legal action by the state for depicting several Hindu goddesses in the nude and police have charged him with inciting hatred. A 20year-old drawing of Saras-wati, goddess of knowledge and the arts, without clothes has become the focus of Hinds outrage Mr Husain 81, called

"rust a scribble". Throughout his career he has used Hindu icomography to make his work accessible to wide audiences. Some of his

THE Miss World beauty pag- scenes from the Ramay and Mahabharata epics he has produced many nures of popular deities, cluding Ganesh, Hunud and Durga, Effigies of artist have been burnt dozens of his works destroy

Bajrang Dal, an umbr organisation for militant H du groups, is leading attack on Mr Husain's wo "No Muslim has the right portray our deities any way wishes," said Jaibhan Su Paiwa, its leader.

He claims Mr Husain part of an international of spiracy to spread West culture to India and is manding that all objection able paintings should submerged in the River G: ges, holy to Hindus.

Let the scholars and historians and the experts ogether and decide wheth this is objectionable or not Mr Husain said. "If . . . such panel finds my paintings of jectionable, I'll be the first light a bonfire and bur

everything."
Indian artists mounte videspread demonstration last month after an exhibition of Mr Husain's paintings in Ahmedabad, valued at mor than £250,000; was destroye by a Hindu mob carryin tridents, the symbol of the go Shiva. A procession of artist. in Bangalore shouted slogan against attempts by Hindu fundamentalists to censor are and there were protest marches in Delhi and

Israeli grooms hit credit hitch

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESS IN ETRUSALEM

AN ISRAELI rabbi has issued a decree warning grooms who buy wedding rings with a credit card that their marriages might be invalid.

The ruling by Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, a leading authority is the Sephardic community of Middle Eastern Jews, came after a man in northern Israel was nearly forced to remarry his bride because he bought her ring on wedding ring at the time of his marriage. But when the ring is purchased with a credit card, it remains the property of the seller until the debt is cleared. In the case of the unidenti-

fied couple in northern Israel, they discovered after their wedding that a banking error had delayed payment for their ring. The couple went to Rabbi Eliyahu for a ruling on the matter and he decreed that since the delay in paying the debt was the bank's fault, their marriage remained valid. But he went on to issue a

ruling warning grooms not to

mixed marriages", an official said yesterday. Oman, Saudi Arabia and Oatar have in recent years imposed similar

buy wedding rings with credit cards unless they are certain that the payment will be completed before their marriage ceremony. "You cannot legally wed a woman with a ring that does not legally belong to you," he wrote. Dubai: The United Arab Emirates plans to ban its men from marrying non-Arab women to shield society from the "negative influences of

Pėking: A powerful earthquake, measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale, rocked a sparsely populated mountainous area in northwest China yesterday, but there were no The quake struck the Kara-

korum mountain area in Xinjiang province, 2,000 miles west of Peking, and was felt in nearby towns and counties, the official Xinhua news agency said. Walls of muses were cracked.

China and India

crate carthquake, the third in 48 hours in the west and north, shook Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state. Police and state authorities said there were no immediate re-

ports of injuries or damage. Earlier yesterday, an earth quake measuring 42 on the Richter scale struck the northeastern state of Assam. Late on Sunday, a earthquake which also measured 4.8 struck the western Indian state of Gujarat. (Reuter. AP)

Earthquakes rock | Bhutto power appeal rejected down on senior officials of the adviser, and Masood Sharif

FROM ZAMID FILIBSAIN

BENAZIR BHUTTO, the deposed Printe Minister of Palo-stant, suffered a setback yesterday in her legal battle to restore her Government to power. The Supreme Court rejected her petition, challengng her dismissal by Presiden Leghari, as containing briefsvant, objectionable and scan-

dalous material. Yesterday, police arrested her political secretary, Nahid Khari, as the caretaker Government launched a crack-

pusted Prime Minister. Miss Khan, one of Miss Bhutto's closest aides, was arrested at islamebad airport after she arrived from Karachi accompanying Miss Bhutto. Police said she had been detained under the maintenance of public order law.

An angry Miss Bhutto acdused the caretaker Government of using fascist methods to crush her supporters.

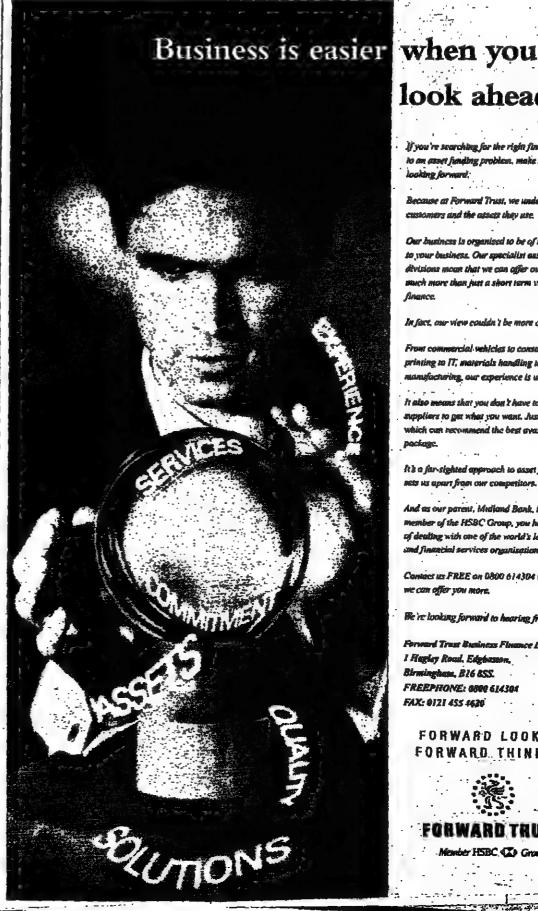
Seven top officials of her Government, including Ah-

med Sadiq, former principal secretary, Azhar Sohail, media

arrested this week. Sources in the new Government said they were involved in serious. charges of corruption and abuse of power. Miss Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, is already under detention.

The latest move against Miss Bhutto's allies came after the promulgation of a new law vides for the disqualification from public office of politicians involved in corruption and abuse of power. They also face a seven-year fail term.





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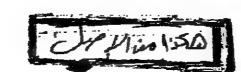
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and slim - now is the time to concentrate on the coat, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry

dressed in the morning. along comes a designer telling you it is all wrong. This year designers are as affronted by the jacket as Lady Bracknell was by the notorous handbag.
"A jacket? A jacket!" one can

hear them screeching across the cutting tables, "Who on earth is going to wear a jacket? Well, quite a few of us are, given half a chance. After all, we have grown up with the idea — fed to us by the fashion cognoscenti — that all we needed was one good jacket to see us stylishly through the

Now designers have taken a collective decision to dispense with the jacket and instead to treat the coat as an integral part of an outlit, rather than an outer layer to be discarded on coming indoors.

The result has been a confusing choice of coat styles, each creating a particular silhouette but without necessarily accommodating the rest of your wardrobe.

One solution is to buy a cost that makes a statement in itself, and then fit everything else around it. "I've invested in a black shearling Gucci coat, and I'm so in love with it, I'm wearing it no matter what the temperature or what's appropriate," says Kate Reardon, fashion director of Tather.

But then, she admits, she never did like jackets. "I used to try and wear them, rather unsuccessfully, and I'm deeply relieved that they're no longer the vital piece in the wardrobe."

From the bewildering variety of shapes and forms shown on the catwalks and now available in the high street, four main silhouettes emerge long and lean; belted 1970s style coats, often in suede or leather, knee-length fitted-"suit coats"; and knee length

will look as you stride into a business meeting. Look for lightweight gaberdines or fine wools, depending on how warm you want it to be. A coat and skirt in stone, teamed with a fawn shirt or sweater, can

also look very suave. But the short, slim coat can be restrictive. It looks fabulous with slim-leg trousers and excellent with knee-length skirts and dresses. But team it with a below-the-knee skirt of any description and the whole look falls apart.

Those who have bought

maxi-coats, on the other hand, report a practical problem with stairs. Desending, the hem trails down the steps. picking up a layer of dirt. Ascending, especially with heavy bags, can simply be very awkward.

If you are committed to minimalism, hovever, then the long, lean share is the best bet. You can team it with anything - so lorg as there is only one layer. Rear in mind that if the coat has a deep Vneck, you will have to coordinate what goes underneath Either that, or resort to one of this season's long woolly scrives as a

strategic cover-up The warmest option, for those who have to brave the already wintry weather, is probably a really good fake fur coat. Look for wife lapels or large shawl collars, loud ani-



mai prints such as those at Dolce & Gabbana or, for a dash of Gucci style, put a dark Beited sueles and leathers

can be worn with most things but will not withstand a heavy downpour. Go for a slim leather design and you will evoke the cool of 1930s Berlin, But beware - out for something in sucde with a shaggy aighan trim and the effect may be more 1970s sit-

Which brings us to colour browns, fawns, greys and khakis are the replacements for black. But if you find these dull and you're confident that you can colour-co-ordinate, then there are also strong shades of blue and pink

Finally there is the limousine lifestyle option: pure white. Great on the catwalk, possibly not so good on the

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Nobody has a good time in New York any more

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A bra strapsnapping hero has emerged to save a city that has become cautious, sober, air-conditioned and userfriendly. Quentin Letts reports

anhattan's harhave a revolutionary new role model. It is not a Colgare-glinting yuppie with cellular telephone and freshly ironed Brooks Brothers shirt. Nor, for once, is it some tanned geek on an exercise bike at the local gym. flexing her pecs.

The new role model is not even young. He is a hoary, bra strap-snapping, 60-year-old goat of a man who, for 42 days a week, tolis in a New York newspaper office until, on Friday afternoons, he goes off for what the great Jilly Cooper would call a "really good bonk". His partner in this sport is a pneumatic young broad whom he met at a cocktail party. Hours later our champion returns to the office, face pink as a slapped bottom, full of cheer and addressing everyone as

The man, sadly anonymous, appears in an explosive essay in this week's New Yorker magazine. Its author, James Atlas, has asked the question nobody in this city has dared to ask for too long: "When was the last time you did some thing just for the hell of it?" The article is titled The Fall of Fun and in it Mr Atlas, 47. describes the cautious, sober, detoxed, taste-free, unleaded, low-fat, air-conditioned, userfriendly, space-respecting half-of tension that New York life has become.

In such a world, Mr Ailas's essay is an act of courage. He reports the self-restraints that the Manhattan elite now imposes, a moral equivalent of car scat-beits. Mr Atlas has lifted a mirror to the face of America's Baby Boomers and the reflection it carries is one of a generation that is newly

puritanical, "anhedonic". At a spring literary party in Manhanan's leafy Gramercy Park, he found himself eyeing up a "pillow-lipped publicist in a short leather skirt". By his third glass of champagne he was fingering a desire to stay. longer and chat up the girl.



The alternative was to do the expected thing and leave at 8.10pm to head home, see the children before they went to bed and have a dull supper with his dear wife. Alas, Mr Atlas did the emerted thing. but it was with a heavy heart and the realisation that his generation has lost the plot.

The symbolic representation notes, should be "a series of red circles, each with a line through it: No Smoking, No

Drinking, No Sex, No Fun". He laments: "It isn't this way in Europe, where business is a form of socialising, not the other way round." He repeats the regretful observation that those of us who ARE European have sometimes made but which Americans find irresponsible, that the art of a languid lunch in New York is

Where are the disastrous miscalculations, the squandered opportunities, wrong turns that made life so nicaresque and hairy?" he asks, "Nobody quits a job any more after hurling an inkwell at the boss." Melik Kaylan, 39, a writer and social observer in

Manhattan, read the Atlas article like a man consuming an iced pilsner in Alexandria. New York, Kaylan agrees, has become a place where one can no longer afford to err. "In the old days, it was the little old lady next door with the twitching curtain who disapproved

of you. Now it is your friends," he says. Mr Atlas's complaint refers specifically to the city's intellectuals, the authors, poets and creative people for whom gluttony, drunkennness and sloth were once de rigueur. In Nineties New York those vices are absent, along with any behaviour that is lubricious or somehow spotty (although greed is OK). "People who have too good a time are seen

as a liability by their peers," says Mr Kaylan. Political correctness may seem too easy a target, but one must not underestimate the debilitating effect of a creed which has banished vivid colours from the city's social canvas. No middle class New Yorker speaks in blue these days. Where are the bustiers and the Cuban heels, the

salacious winks, salty jokes and raspberry laughs

America has become a place where a nonagenarian like Senator Strom Thurmond can be accused of impropriety for goosing a pretty woman in a lift. Impropriety? It should be hailed as a miracle that old Strom still has some gas in his

Hack writers no longer earn their beer money by selling review copies of novels at secondhand book shops. These days they have six figure Hollywood deals. Few people even seem to have time to read books any more, so frantic are they in their effort to lead lives that have sprung from the pages of

the Sunday coloui supplement. Even on their holidays was the (two weeks a year. ghastly robots itch last time to self-improve. Mr Atlas's artiyou did cle may have echoes of a male midanything life crisis. Nor is he

the first to wail that for fun? fings ain't wot they used to be". He bangs on about the good old Sixties with LSD and a Freak Brothers-style VW minibus, but we have had the corpses of Jerry Garcia and

Timothy Leary for that. However. His New Yorker article may be the most surprising, refreshing piece of Manhattan commentary this

It has broken a vital rule. If you belong to the pleasuredeprived tribe he describes. the last thing you should do is to confess to the world that you are having a thoroughly miserable time. But Mr Atlas has stripped away a lie. Perhaps next time he goes to a spring drinks party and meets a pillow-lipped publicist he will follow the example of the lusty .old bra strap-snapper. Perhaps he will give life a darned

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Sick of mixing

Forget the political jargon of the Patient's Charter, mixed-sex wards are just another money-saver

Il doctors know that has made life harder patients don't seem to realise is that it makes it worse for them, too. All these charters do is offer a conduit for people's concerns; they do absolutely nothing to allay them. They are thus nothing short of a brilliant device for making everyone feel hard done by.

Take the Patient's Charter approach to mixed-sex wards. It, or rather the Department of Health, recognises that these are unpopular with the public. So what is to be done? Not get money. Instead, we are pandered to by being given the right to be told in advance if we are to be admitted to a mixed-sex ward. We might have no choice in the matter thereafter, but a right's a right, isn't it, and how can it therefore be wrong? This is nonsense.

course. But so potent is the contemporary language of rights that it drowns out more gentle reasoning. And what is at stake here - a person's wish to insist on (rather than resist) sex segre-gation — has no less fallen foul of the modern orthodoxy. Sex segregation wherever it occurs must be a Bad Thing, so the thinking goes, and those who champion it are at best old-fashioned and irrelevant, at worst reactionary and downright sexist. The real reason for mixed-sex wards is financial but it helps that there is the pseudo-political patter to go with it. Now, nobody is arguing

that this would matter in an emergency. All we want then is to be treated as fast and as effectively as possible and it doesn't, frankly, matter if there is someone from a different solar systern in the next bed, let alone of a different sex. But because that holds true, we are made to feel as if we're being petty, hung-up on trilles if we say that in other circumstances we mind having to be treated in a mixedsex ward.

doubt the Patient's Association is putting it too strongmixed-sex ward is "an affront to privacy and dignity". (These days, those very terms seem almost quaint but what does that say itself?) Those who think the fuss is silly beyond belief are being remarkably silly themselves. You cannot just wave away such concerns as irrelevant when they are so sincerely, anxiously held.

I suspect that most of the people who object are older. but that doesn't make it a marginal complaint. All people, of whatever age, are



Nigella Lawson

at their frailest and most vulnerable when they are in hospital, and it cannot help their treatment if their stay there increases that sense of vulnerability. This may not be one to go to the barri-cades for, but it is worth taking seriously.

What is behind the confusion about whether it matters is a confusion — a very modern confusion - about the sexes and the differences between them. On the one hand, contemporary wisdom holds that any distinctions made between the sexes are abhorrent and at best conditioned by a culture obsessed with sexual stereotypes: on the other, we are obsessed with a Seventies sitcom view of a battle between the sexes, concerning who's better, more moral. superior. inferior.

And then - just to complicate matters - there is the confusion about sex itself. the primitive power of sexual feelings. Women, understandably riled by years of being described only in terms of their sexual attractiveness to men, idiotically chant the mantra about caring about their appearance for themselves alone. Narcissism - the wearisome preserve of the 1-wearthis-microskirt-for-myself brigade — is applauded, but wishing to be attractive to the opposite sex is deemed downright despicable, casti-gated as victim behaviour.

But if women mind lying about in their nighties, being attended to medically. while a man is in the bed next door, it is because it offends their sexual vanity. None of us feels any better for being seen at our worst. I suspect men mind the mixed-sex ward slightly less, if only because men's sexual confidence seems to hold up rather better than women's. And of course, they already have the nurses around.

I shouldn't be surprised if men prefered mixed-sex wards. After all, men are used to being surrounded by women when they are ill; and they are prepared to show weakness in front of women in a way they would hate to in front of other men. I think it is different for women: we tend to feel we have to be stronger, better, when there are men around. Men need women to be all these things, and we take it

istorically, it is true

that segregation has generally been the way the powerful excluded the less powerful. But while we should be alert to permicious discrimination, we shouldn't deny that sometimes segregation between the sexes can be mutually desired, perhaps even beneficial. And some of the arguments against fail to convince. For people to want to spend some time in the company of their own sex is not the same thing as demanding the right to spend time with people of the same race. Sophists might dissallow the distinction. but the rest of us can tell the

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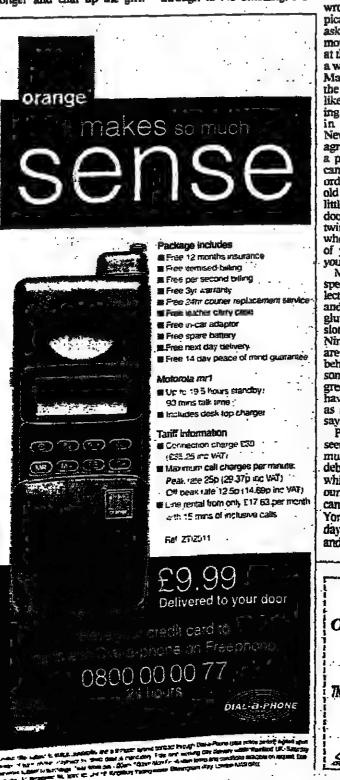
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I need assistance. And if I don't get it, I may sulk and suck my thumb

lay in bed this morning, trying to work out what I needed, and by the time I got up at half-past nine, I had worked out exactly what I needed. I needed somebody to

get me up before half-past nine.

Most mornings, I do not even lie there
working things out. I just lie there. Every morning, Mr and Mrs Coren wake up at 7.15, one of them goes off to work at 8, and the other one just lies there, because when he goes off to work, he goes off to it in the loft, and since he doesn't have to go at any particular time, he just lies there. After a couple of hours, he plods downstairs and wonders whether to make himself a cooked breakfast. He would like a cooked breakfast. it would do him good, it would set him up for the day, it would send him bounding into the loft, but he cannot be bothered to cook it. so he stares out of the window for an hour wondering whether to go for a walk round the park instead, it would do him good, it would set him up for the day, it would send him bounding into the loft. But he lives a mile from the park, if he walked to it he would not have the energy left to walk round it; he would have to drive to it, but if he drove to it he would have to leave his car outside it. and when he got back he would find a ticket under his wiper, and a clamp on his wheel. and a gap where his radio used to be.

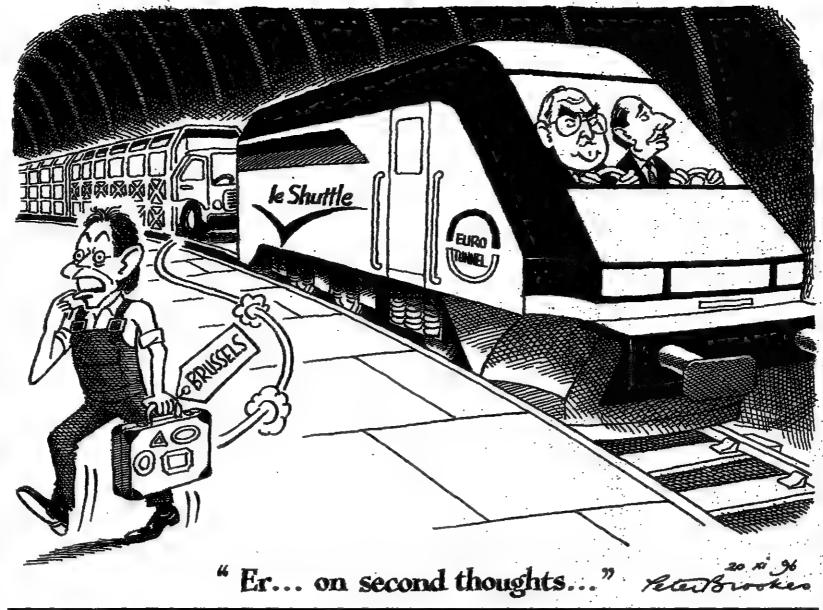
But if he had someone to get him out of bed at 8.30, the someone could not only make him a cooked breakfast, porridge, boiled eggs, soldiers, but also drive him to the park, wait, and after his walk tell him it was now time to be a good boy and go to the loft and get on with his work.

Yes, that is what I finally worked out this morning. I need a ranny. A nanny is the only cure not merely for the indolence of the solitary hack, but for the habits even worse than indolence which indolence generates. Like smoking too much. I cannot cut down alone, I need someone to cry: Take that filthy thing out of your mouth!" Like drinking too much. I cannot cut down alone, I need someone with the sideboard-key in her pinny and a tablespoon in her hand, who, once a day, would poke a small Glenlivet into my mouth. Unless, that is, she had caught me watching television too much: I cannot cut down alone, I have a set in the loft, I watch Neighbours, I watch Countdown, I watch Sesame Street, I need someone to cry: "Just half an hour a day, my little man, or it's no whisky for you!"

Also: "Time for your 40 winks!" I need someone to cry that, too. Most afternoons, I rack up 500 winks, minimum, cheek on the desk, knuckles on the floor (especially after four fingers of Scotch and a large Blue Peter), but I cannot cut down alone. I need someone to bound into the loft, preferably with a glass of Tizer and a couple of HobNobs, and shake me, and tell me to sit up straight, because it is time to get back to work. And I would not complain about that work, I would not swear or kick the computer or decide to chuck it all in and retrain as a rag-and-bone man, because, if i did. Nanny would wash my mouth out with Lifebuoy and make me stand in the corner until it was time for my bath.

I really need someone at bathtime. I need someone to bath me, and make me all nice before Mrs Coren gets home. If I bath myself, the odds are that when Mrs Coren gets home, she will find me, thanks to the emoty glass on the floor, having 500 winks in it, prune-shrivelled, surrounded by bobbing dog-ends, chill to the touch, and thus as far from all nice as it is possible to get. How much more pleasing for Mrs Coren to turn her key in the lock and hear the cry: "He's all ready. Madame!" and see me tripping down the stairs, ears spotless, hair brushed, teeth flossed, and - because I have been such a good boy - allowed to play with her until it was time to go to bed, or even vice-versa.

Leaving only the matter of catching up on my reading. I do not do enough, it is tricky holding a big book when you are also holding a big glass and a big cigar, two pages and I throw in the towel, what joy to be tucked in by a qualified tucker who would then lift a chapter or two of Rushdie until my lids drooped Nodwards. Having to knock off a preliminary vesper is a small price to pay. God bless Nanny, I know that's right. Time to put an ad in The Lady.



In league with ignorance

oday The Times publishes a survey that will delight some schools throughout England and Wales, and dismay and demoralise many. It is the annual secondary school league table. Since strong schools need no state encouragement, we must assume that the collation and publication of this material is justified as a goad to the weak. The cheapest way to improve the education of all is by the public humiliation of failure.

The cult of the league table is driving British bureaucracy close to hysteria. There are league tables of hospital deaths, police responses, academic output, cervical cancers, benefit fraud, court occupancy, beach cleansing, rent collect-ing and local council efficiency. There are league tables of cities and countries, most based on surveys and statistics that are daft beyond belief. The richest "countries" turn out to be cities, such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Luxemrichest of all.

Some of these tables have curiosity value. They pander to the public's fascination with a horse race or a song contest. Most are like the potions of 18thcentury quacks. They are offered as a cure for a supposed illness and validated by spurious statistics. School league tables were pioneered by broadsheet newspapers after the standardisation of university entry in the 1980s. Parents who could afford boarding schools and so enjoyed genuine choice could order their preferences from "best school guides". Exam results seemed an advance on word of month.

The league idea was seized by John Patten, when he was Education Secretary, and extended to state schools. He took an existing, valid requirement that schools make their exam results available to parents and used it for a nationwide carnival of institutional success and failure. The good were lauded, the bad excoriated. As Mr Patten's patron saint, Mr Gradgrind, would have said, schools and their pupils were

thus taught a lesson in facts. When the tables began there was much hogwash about them being "only one of the factors" that should be used to judge a school. That is like saying a rugby international is essentially about sportsmanship. Anyone reading today's league table will see that all pretence has been abandoned. These tables will "make or break a career" and guide parents to the "good school". Head teachers

Tables disguise failure, distort study, degrade teachers and mislead parents

and governors know what these tables mean. They have transformed the atmosphere of every school I know. Three years ago on this page I criticised the advent of league tables by

writing a spoof bursar's report to his governors. He declared that drastic measures were needed. Teachers would be paid by exam results. Pupils likely to score less than grade C must be expelled.

Sports and hobbies must be scrapped. Playing fields must be sold and the money spent on talent scouts to raid other schools for high-performing pu-pils. As for the head, he would be sacked each year if the school did not rise in the

I meant it satirically. Yet every one of these predictions has come true. Bounties in the form of scholarships are being paid to transferring sixth-formers. Bonuses are paid to talent scouts. Staff at Wycliffe College are

paid £1,000 for each up into C and B child they can find. Last month the grades. The most severe decline in Headmaster of Cheltenham College, Peter Wilkes, was sacked despite overwhelming support from parents. The governors feared that a fall in the school's league-table rank might damage its commercial future. Expulsions of low-grade children are soaring, with heads admitting that only 25 per cent of these are for disruptive behaviour. The startling collapse of school sport has

Small wonder these tables come with ample evidence of their own success. Alevel pass rates have risen for 13 years in succession, with corresponding inflation of A-grade passes. So what? When hospitals are paid per "medical incident", patients are admitted to and ejected from wards like pellets in a pea-shooter. If we reward judges for the number of accused they send to jail, we shall fill the jails. None of this tells us anything of the quality of the service provided, merely how individuals respond to financia

The evidence of the league tables so far is that the "best" schools become more popular. Further down the list,

anarchy reigns. In a report last year, the Royal Statistical Society pointed out that the numbers involved at each grade are too small for realistic (let alone fair) comparison between schools. The statisticians declared them "meaningless". Tiny shifts in performance could produce huge movements up and down the table-two pupils off sick at exam time could move a small school down 50 places. The result is an inevitable incentive to distort pupils' education. To avoid jeopardising a ranking, individuals are shifted into and out of general studies or discouraged from sitting exams in which they might score D or E grades.

More serious are the increasing numbers of studies frenorted in The Times last October) which show that schools are losing interest in the bottom 20 per cent of each ability range and concentrating on the middle ranges to push them up into C and B

performance against the average was in the lowest 10 per cent of secondary pupils. These are the pupils who are the biggest risk to the community and to whom schools should be giving special attention. League tables appear to be having the opposite effect.

ritain's problem does not lie with the ability of the top 40-50 per cent of pupils. Every expert who has studied the composition of British labour since the war has reached the same conclusion: the biggest handicap is the poor quality of the least skilled section of the workforce. Government policy, both on restoring selective secondary schooling and on league tables, flies in the face of this. It offers schools a blatant incentive to ignore the needs of the least able and to concentrate on the stars. They, or at least their

parents, have the floating votes.

Even this primitive elitism might be valid if exam results measured what communities want from their schools. They do not. They are proxies. They merely show how far the staff of a school

have mastered the art of "filling little pitchers with water". They show the same craze for quantifying a profession's output that performance audit is now inflicting on the work of doctors, academics, lawyers and public administrators. In education, that most intangible of public services, these auditors look for any bean they can count: class size, number of science pupils, weeks taken to order an equipment Item — and above all, exam results.

The high priests of this audit sit far removed from those whose labours they assess and fund. We should not be surprised that they grasp at any statistics that come to hand when they never see faces. This quantification in turn distorts the character of the examination. Results must be standardised and rendered statistically robust. The questions should be "right or wrong", multiplechoice, modular and tabular, as against essays or coursework. Professional discretion must be minimus crat must be in control.

If the gods of politics must have tables, then we should at least appease them with research that is relevant to a school's real mission. This is surely to fashion a citizen to play a mature role as a member of a family, the community and the economy. In which case, why not measure how well a school's leavers fare in the job market? Or how many secure a training qualification, or a university place? Or how much they are earning after, say, five and ten years? Or how well do they acclimatise to adult life, how many are on social benefit, are divorced or give up exercise? Why not survey what pupils feel later about the school and what it taught them?

None of these "outputs" features in today's league tables. I wonder why. They are soo much like real life, too relevant and too difficult. They would also mean government directing the work of teachers away from nationalised norms and towards a reliance on their own professionalism in handling pupils. Exam results are a cheap and easy way for governments to take credit for making schools appear to excel. They show how well schools can turn out on the parade ground, like Cardigan's

Light Brigade, not how well they fight. League tables are erecting a wall of statistics round schools, shielding them from true accountability to their communities. Behind these walls, they are turning Britain's secondary schools into state-regulated crammers.

Chunnel cuts it too fine

Michael Dynes

tells how safety

was compromised

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turnel's safety mechanisms would make it the most reliable transport system in the world. The fire which raged for more than 12 hours on one of the company's HGV wagons has clearly caught Eurotunnel off guard. Although there was no loss of life or-serious injury, the safety system did not work as effectively as it should. These failings have revived safety concerns. Eurotimnel will now have to conduct a thorough reassessment of

safety systems, to assuage public worries.

The inquiry into what went wrong will have to address a number of pressing questions. What caused the fire in the first place? Was the vehicle where the blaze started carrying proscribed fiantmable material? How did the fire spread so quickly to 15 other heavy goods vehicles? Why was the train not decoupled and quickly removed from the tunnel? Why was the tunnel "choc-a-blic" with smoke when the powerful ventilation system should have been able to direct smoke and toxic fumes away from passengers? Why did the authorities walt an hour before sum-moning the Kent fire brigade to help their French counterparts?

The ten man Anglo-French Channel Tunnel safety authority, set up in 1987 to ensure the highest possible safety standards, met hastily yesterday to begin looking for answers. But the matter that will concern Eurotunnel more than any other is the design of the HGV wagons themselves — not least because of the questionable methods the company used to get its own way when the rolling-stock was being designed.

Thile the contractors were still digging out the mud, the Channel Tunnel safety authority began investigating the safety, transportation and communications systems. in great secrecy, many thousands of detailed technical documents were

pored over by the authority's experts. Demands that these technical documents should be made publicly available were dismissed by the safety authority on the grounds that it would be impractical and time-consuming. Moreover, the authority insisted that most of the documents would be incomprehensible to the layman, and the creation of another body to oversee its work would cause delays.

There can be little doubt, however that the way the tunnel was designed and built complicated the safety authority's task. Because of tight construction deadlines, the design of different aspects of the tunnel had to be submitted in rough and approved in principle before the detailed design work was completed.

That procedure led to a number of tussies between Eurotunnel and safety officials. In February 1992, for example, Eurotunnel's chief executive, Sir Alastair Morton, made it known that he was considering legal action because of the "excessive safety precautions" being de-manded. One of the bitterest rows concerned the HGV shuttle design. After submitting a proposal for fully enclosed HGVs, Eurotunnel opted for a revised, semi-enclosed design. Safety officials insisted that semi-enclosed wagons presented an unacceptable risk, especially if one caught fire, and rejected the design. But Eurotunnel had already ordered the shuttles from the manufacturer, having gambled that it would be able to talk the authority round.

The semi-enclosed design was derived from Alpine rail tunnels. where lorries, cars and coaches have been carried without a single serious incident since the 1960s. Because of Eurotunnel's need to carry 44 ton juggernauts, Sir Alastair was desperate to reduce the weight of the new rolling stock so as not to put too great a strain on the axles. The authority had to. reconcile its assessment of what was needed to make the tunnel safe with what Eurotunnel thought was necessary to make the tunnel commercially viable. A compromise was reached. Eurotume! incorporated additional fire-detection and suppression systems, and kept the

semi-enclosed design At the time, Brian Martin, then head! of the safety authority's UK delegation. told The Times: "Eurotunnel's [final] proposal is likely to be safer than the revised design. But it is likely to be less safe than the original. The safety authority's task is not to decide whether: it is possible to achieve greater safetyyou can always do that - but whether it.

is adequately safe." Eurotunnel always knew that its decision to order semi-enclosed rolling stock meant a significantly greater risk of fire spreading rapidly. The safety authority, under the threat of legal action from Eurotunnel, abandoned its better judgment. That there has been only one serious fire in 30 months is testimony to a high level of safety; but that one fire is also a reminder that the P-H-S Channel Tunnel is not immune from catastrophic failure of its safeguards. Channel Tunnel is not immune from a

Scott free?

THERE is dry sherry on the carpet in Kensington and Chelsea, where the fate of Nicholas "Scotch" Scott, resident MP and consumer of pills, has still to be decided by local

Constituency members are livid after being circulated with a newsletter from their chairman informing them that Scotch has requested a special meeting on December 2 in Kensington Town Hall. "The meeting has been called to hear an address from the prospective parliamentary candidate [ie Scotch], and to decide whether or not to endorse the decision taken in general meeting on 10th November 1995 sic to adopt Sir Nicholas Scott."

No mention is made of the constituency meeting on November 4, 1996, when Scotch was given the thumbs-down by the executive committee after his theatrical performance at the Tory conference when he left a party in the early hours only to be found face down in a gutter, his memory shot.

This will be the first time ever that Kensington and Chelsea has in effect held a deselection committee," says one peptic Tory. "And yet they have the gall not to

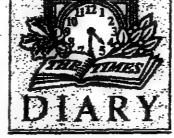
disgusting. They must still think he'll be able to keep the seat warm for Chris Patten's return after the election."

May showers

CHILDISHNESS is being inflicted on Maidenhead's Conservatives by Theresa May, their prospective parliamentary candi-



"Looks like we're passing over the Chunnel ...



date. A series of goo-goo press releases has been issued on her behalf. For example. Prime Minister helps Theresa May celebrate 40th birthday: Life begins at 40 and Theresa May...got her birthday off to a good start on Septemher 21 when the Prime Minister helped her celebrate and blow out the candles on her cake." Underneath an accompanying photo-graph is the caption "One big

blow and together we'll do it."
It gets worse. Theresa May meets Norwegian vigneron in Littlewick Green" is a Trumptonesque tale not worth the telling.

Two Shakes

THESE are good times for George "Dadie" Rylands, 94, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge and former heart-throb of the Bloomsbory ser. On Sunday evening, his

life and Shakespearean scholarship were celebrated at the Theaire Royal, Haymarket, by a cast led by lan McKellen. Now Polygram has announced that it is to re-release the complete works of Shakespeare as recorded by Rylands for the British Council between 1957 and 1963.

The productions include Peggy Asincroft playing Desdemona in Othello, Derek Jacobi as Hamlet and Peter Pears as Feste in Twelfth Night, all recorded in the ADC Theatre in Cambridge during the long vacation.
If a dog barked or an aero-

plane flew overhead," said Rylands yesterday, "we would have to redo whole chunks. I'm delighted they're reissuing it - absolutely all for it."

No beau

THE FIRE in the Chunnel caused a number of difficulties for Eurostar's promotions team. Not least their hopes of winning the race for the Beaujolais nouveau. They had decided that the direct shuttle service to the middle of France via Lille offered the best hope of coming first in the tired old

Plans to take wine-bibbers to Lyons today were abandoned dining bookings were cancelled and hopes of pressing a bottle of the



Taylor, Peacock and Fortensky: choose two

newly released vinegar into jour-nalists hands at midnight went by the way.

Liz or Larry?

BETTY BOOTHROYD'S showbiz background got the better of her yesterday. The former Tiller girl was calling on Elizabeth Pescock. Conservative MP for Batley and Spen, to ask a question, when her usually faultless delivery short-circuited: she called the lady "Elizabeth Taylor".

The mistake brought a massive

cheer all round and a scariet blush to the downy cheek of Mrs Pea-cock, who for my money looks

rather more like Miss Taylor's most recent husband. Larry Fortensky.

 Do not expect to find any Tom Cruise fans in the vicinity of Luton Hoo, the Bedfordshire stately home. Eyes Wide Shut, his latest movie - directed by Stanley Kubrick and also starring Mrs Cruise, Nicole Kidman - has overrun its filming schedule, meaning there will be no Christ-mas craft fair at the house. For the first time in years, the 5,000 craft-fanciers will have to travel further afield for their knick-

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THIRD-BEST BUDGET

Without a tough Budget, Clarke will have to raise interest rates

The most important boast that Kenneth counsel of despair, particularly for a Tory Clarke can make when he presents his Budget is that the problems he faces as Chancellor are the problems of success. Mr Clarke has presided over Britain's transformation from the weakest to the strongest economy in Europe. The main problems which Britain now faces - modestly accelerating inflation, an over-expensive currency and interest rates which are now. higher than in any other advanced economy - are minor in comparison with the long-term stagnation afflicting Germany, France and Japan.

Mr Clarke was, of course, lucky to have moved into the Treasury after Norman Lamont had made many of the tough decisions that were needed to fill the gaping hole in the Government's finances left by the ERM recession. But Mr Clarke deserves. credit for having pressed on with Mr. Lamont's unpopular programme of public spending cuts and increasing taxes - and for the generally good judgment he has. shown in managing interest rates.

The question now is whether Mr Clarke can live up to the fine record he himself has set. The best policy for a country to pursue when confronted with the twin problems of accelerating inflation and a rapidly rising currency is clear. It is to reduce the Government's budget deficit by substantially cutting public spending. Cuts in public spending release resources for the private sector and dampen down inflation, making it possible to reduce interest rates and thereby take upward pressure off the pound. But the Government's loss of self-confidence, combined with the electoral timetable, seems to have precluded the kind of bold initiatives, for example in social security reform, which might have produced big reductions in public spending - as opposed to mere reductions in its rate of growth.

If really substantial spending cuts are off. the political agenda, Mr Clarke must reach for the second-best instrument to manage demand and keep inflation under control: he must either raise interest rates or increase taxes. Nobody likes paying taxes and an increase in taxes may be considered a

Government. Yet tax increases can sometimes be far less damaging to the economy than higher interest rates. Mr Clarke should be the first to recognise this, having carried through so successfully Mr Lamont's post-ERM strategy of sharply raising taxes and sharply reducing interest rates.

On present tax and spending policies, the Government will continue to run a large budget deficit as far ahead as the eye can see, putting an ever-greater burden of public debt on future generations. Higher taxes must be considered a serious option. In the present circumstances, with British interest rates already higher than in any other advanced economy, with the pound rising rapidly and with exports, manufacturing and investment still playing a weak part in the economy's growth, higher taxes would clearly be preferable to higher interest rates - just as they proved to be in the 1993 Budget and, before that, in Sir Geoffrey Howe's controversial Budget of 1981.

But whatever the economic arguments and historic precedents may point to, Mr Clarke is unlikely to announce either a net increase in taxes or a net reduction in spending next week. The most that can be hoped is that he will maintain a tight grip on the growth of public spending and keep net tax reductions to below £2 billion. With the best and second-best policies for controlling demand and inflation apparently ruled out, the Chancellor will be left with the third-best option: a higher interest rates. The question Mr Clarke and the country will have to face in the months before the election is whether interest should continue rising, or whether a little more leeway on inflation should be

If Mr Clarke were prepared to announce really tough policies on taxes and public spending, any further increase in interest rates could be ruled out and last month's rise could even be reversed. But in the absence of tight Budget, he will have to continue raising interest rates. The policy Mr Clarke appears to have chosen is only the third-best policy available but is better than allowing inflation to get out of control.

NIGHTMARE SCENARIO

Lessons to be learnt but Le Shuttle will go on

The devastating fire that broke out in the even if these contributed to the huge cost Channel Turmel did not cost any lives. But it overruns and the delay in opening the puld cost an inestimable amount in loss of confidence, loss of earnings and loss of national pride in the £10 billion enterprise. The Government has properly insisted on a full inquiry, and the French Government is likely to echo this demand. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, told Parliament that tunnel services cannot be resumed until absolute safety can be guaranteed. The inferno has caused considerable damage: so intense was the heat that the train wheels were welded to the rails. It will take weeks before the tunnel can be fully repaired, and even longer before all the questions raised can be resolved.

Despite the panic and pain of the victims, the terrible speed of the conflagration and the inexplicable failure of communication between the English and French emergency services, the rescue operation on the whole seems to have worked well. The passengers were led to safety; the drills, last practised only ten days ago during a mock emergency, were properly implemented; and the rescuers courageous and quick-thinking. Events could otherwise have been far worse. This was, as safety experts said, the very "nightmare scenario" that they had dreaded: a rapidly spreading fire, emitting dense clouds of toxic smoke, breaking out close to the rear engine as the train was midway

through the tunnel. The absence of a heavier toll is retrospective justification for the insistence, during construction, on rigorous safety standards, be wrong.

tunnel. Nevertheless, there remain serious unanswered questions. On the technical side, it is unclear why the tunnel ventilators were not better able to clear the choking smoke that smothered several victims. The train, with engines at either end, is designed to decouple so that passengers can be pulled clear of the disaster. But this did not happen. Why did the French not contact Kent fire crews until about an hour after the accident?

The most controversial question, however,

is likely to relate to the transport of highly dangerous materials through the tunnel. Polystyrene is extraordinarily toxic if it catches fire, and other substances, such as alcohol, certain chemicals and flammable materials are known fire hazards. An inspection of each cargo is impractical: the point of Le Shuttle is that it should be a virtual moving highway, able to carry whatever can legally be carried by road without hold-ups or cumbersome paperwork. There will be inevitable calls for more rigorous checks on loads and for the compartments containing heavy goods vehicles to be sealed.

The danger is that the tunnel will be seen as accident-prone: late in opening, deep in debt, already the victim of two minor accidents and now this. Such a perception would be a blow to the attempts to bolster traffic and make the best commercial use of this unique link to the Continent. Despite Monday's fire, such a perception would also

ROW AGAINST THE TIDE

The Boat Race needs its amateur spirit restored

An outbreak of common sense is always to be welcomed. The tentative agreement between the respective rowing authorities of Oxford and Cambridge to establish ground rules for the recruitment of oarsmen is long overdue. The present "gentleman's agreement" has long been worth less than the

paper it was not written on. Rowing used to be such an uncomplicated pursuit. Wholesomely amateur, it stood as the ultimate team sport where the performance of the crew depended on the power of the entire unit. It demands an astonishingly varied range of physical strength and skill. The annual contest between Oxford and Cambridge reflected those virtues and was appreciated for it. At some point a sense of proportion was lost. During the 1980s both ancient universities became increasingly ruthless in their pursuit of glory, in the process they forgot the virtues that had maintained the event since 1829.

There is a thin line between aggressive competition and creeping professionalism. Oxford stretched matters by their shameless recruitment from North America. As the film True Blue recounts, this has proved a contentious experience. In the last contest there was only one undergraduate in the Dark Blue boat. Meanwhile, the obscure extraordinar) control the control of the control of

Western world where the average student exceeds six foot in height. Then the Light Blues hit back. In 1994 Cambridge invented bursaries worth up to £5,000 for impoverished athletes. This introduction of what Oxford

described as "cheque-book rowing" threatened an escalation in combat to the point where academic standards were jettisoned entirely. Fortunately, it looks as if wiser heads may have prevailed. It would be thoroughly healthy if the Boat Race was once again fought between crews consisting of conventional students who balanced their sporting efforts with scholastic endeavours. In days of old a Blue could only be awarded during the first 12 terms of university life. The enormous expansion of postgraduate courses during the past 20 years would make such a rule unreasonable now, but its spirit still has much to commend it.

Some might dismiss such a view as dated. Sponsorship and massive television audiences, it is argued, demand more than the amateur tradition can provide. This misses the point entirely. Every year hundreds if not thousands of professional events grace our sporting schedule. If the Boat Race becomes just one more it will simply fade into the pack. The strength of this institution Dark Duck Social Studies has enjoyed an hes in its unique character. Oxford and Dipiorna in boom — especially at Kehle . Cambridge should use this code of conduct extraordinary boom be the universe to the

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Sir, I always thought that the objection on the part of William Rees-Mogg and others to the European Central Bank was primarily that it would be composed of unelected officials. Thus, monetary (and in turn fiscal) policy would be outside the control of the democratically elected representatives of the people.

I am pleased to note that, at least as far as the Bank of England is concerned ("Keep sterling safe for future generations", November 18), this objection no longer stands. Presumably, therefore, an independent European Central Bank is equally valid? It will after all be modelled on the Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve.

It has always been a mystery to me that so many people have supported "democratic control" over monetary policy when these elected representatives of the people have decimated the currency over the years. In 1961 I could buy DM11.20 with my pound. Perhaps, though, I am underestimating the comfort value of having the Queen's head on the currency.

On the basis that EMU takes place on the back of economic convergence, an independent European Central Bank is no different from an independent Bank of England. Thus in any referendum the anti-EMU arguments are becoming less significant. Furthermore, such a referendum will probably take place at a time when UK short-term interest rates are likely to be in the region of 7 per cent and those in "inner Europe" around 3 per

Who knows, somebody may point to the advantage to the UK economy of significantly lower interest rates. I wonder what the millions of mortgage holders might think?

R. H. WILSON 12 Inglis Road, W5. November 11.

From Mr Mark Hardy

Sir, I believe that Llew Smith, MP (letter, November 18), misunderstands why many of the British public would like to join the European monetary union at the earliest possible moment. He writes "a single currency will oblige Britain to become a member of the European Central Bank, the executive of which will be appointed for eight years . . . no one will be able to

The sooner MPs realise that our economy would be better run by bankers and long-term strategists, who are free from political interference and short-term electoral manipuation, the better it will be for all of us.

economy is, in part, due to the President and Congress not being allowed (by law) to interfere with or try and inence Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve. The independence of the Bundesbank has worked extremely

MARK HARDY, Kings Road, SW3.

now committed to a referendum on the single currency (leading article, November 18) but we should not underestimate their appetite for decep-

If, for instance, our negotiating team is led by an individual, such as Kenneth Clarke, who regarding Europe seems to be contemptuous of the public will, we may find that by the time we have our chance to vote at the referendum we have been boxed into a corner because our defences outside the single currency have been under-

If, as Sir Roy Denman says (letter. November 16), our EU partners are clear about their destination and "Britain can no more stop this than could King Canute the tide" then we should take his advice and make up our minds once and for all.

We should hold a referendum as soon as possible on the question of whether or not we wish to achieve the destination that Sir Roy quotes as "fiscal, social, monetary, and ultimately political union".

If we vote "no", then the UK Gov-ernment will have the duty to negotivoted for at the last referendum as can

Yours faithfully.

From Mr Michael Hart

Sir, The arrival of another grandchild

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HART, 49 Chesterfield Road. November 18.

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'Let the bankers handle the money'

From Mr R. H. Wilson

Yours faithfully.

best reasons for joining.

The success of the United States well for Germany over the years.

Yours faithfully, 52 Argyll Mansions,

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, At least all three major parties are

ate a relationship with the EU as close to the Common Market concept we be achieved, consistent with the reestablishment of our independent democracy but with the latter taking priority.

GEORGE THOMAS, 17 Campden Hill Square, W8. November 18.

seems to have wondrously demisted Lord Rees-Mogg's vision of the future. The euro would not be as good as the mark, but it might be better than an inflationary pound". Precisely. Which is why it is likely to be more risky to stay out of the single currency than to

Eastbourne, East Sussex.

League tables as guide to schools

From the Headmaster of St Hugh's School, Faringdon

Sir, I am saddened by the observations on academic league tables by Dr John Rae, a former Head Master of Westminster School ("A triumph for

parental choice", November 18).

Dr Rae acknowledges the limitations and inconsistencies of what I, along with many others, regard as flawed statistics, yet claims that they are "so useful to parents selecting a

Far from being the "triumph for parental choice", league tables are threatening to do great disservice to the cause of education. Many decisions about the opportunities available to pupils are now being made from a fear of their perceived effect on league-table positions rather than from a consideration of how best to help the individual: this is true of academic options and of the wider aspects of education alike.

Luckily, those of us who work in preparatory schools know that most parents are too perceptive to fall for the simplistic argument that good Alevel results this year promise similar attainments for pupils six or more years ahead - or that good academic results are obtainable only in self-

professed "academic" schools. Choice of schools is never easy for parents, who can do no better than visualise their children's likely performance in any environment. For those such as Dr Rae to suggest that flawed league tables offer serious guidance is at best sad, at worst cruelly misleading. Far greater wisdom is encapsulat-ed in the heading lower down the same page: "Parents should trust their instincts more." That in the end is the only way.

Yours faithfully, DEREK CANNON, Headmaster, St Hugh's School, Carswell Manor, Faringdon, Oxfordshire. November 18.

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, John Rae claims that Labour is "equivocal" on whether the amount of information given in league tables should be limited rather than in-

creased. He is wrong. Labour would continue to publish the raw exam results for schools. However, we would add more information to performance tables, enabling parents and teachers to compare a chool's performance in one year with that in previous years and to examine how well a school has performed, given the standards achieved by their 11-year-old intake.

A school where the average pupil aged 11 had a reading age of nine will do well to achieve average GCSE results, but one where the average pupil had a reading age of 13 on entry would have done very poorly with the same results. Parents should have this information too.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BLUNKETT, House of Commons.

From Mr Alasdair L. McClure

Sir, If "Academic league tables have become a vital aid", why don't they exist in, say, the German education system, which historically (and certainly since 1945) has outperformed our own

system? One reason I think is that all German schools (academic, technical and vocational) are funded sufficiently well to assure parents that their child/children receive the best possible education compatible with their abilities. Most German parents that I've spoken to in explaining the idea of league tables find the idea preposterous not to say warped.

Yours faithfully. A. L. McCLURE, 282 Smedley Street West, Matlock, Derbyshire.

From Lady Beauchamp

Quality of MPs' debate on gun law

From Mr Michael Bartlett

Sir, "For good or ill, the Dunblane parents terrorised the Commons yesterday", argues Matthew Parris in his Political Sketch today. His coolness amid the passion engendered by the handgun debate can only be wel-

sible and thorough consultation and dehate. Parliament's role is to be able to step back from a tragedy such as Dunblane and after careful deliberation, and without emotional involvement, either pass laws which will work, or conclude that some things are beyond its power. This is how MPs serve us, and it is not always a

task to be relished. The real "feel good" factor is provided by the MPs who voted to ban all handguns, presumably in the belief that that would be that. I believe murdering children has always been illegal, but tragically, this law too will

always be broken. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BARTLETT, Flat 4, 297 Trinity Road, SWI8. November 19.

Sir. My dictionary defines a debate as "the formal presentation and oppo-sition of a specific motion, followed by a vote". The implication of this is that those present at the debate listen to the arguments and vote after they have considered the merits of the opposing Parliament is supposed to be the

best debating chamber in the world. How strange therefore that during the debate on the aboliton of handguns yesterday, the chamber was less than a quarter full. Yet, as you report today. the division showed that 587 Members As the so-called debate on the

subject of the motion clearly had no impact on the result of the vote, all MPs might just as well stay at home for all the motions that come before the House and fax their votes direct to

number of memorials or how many

have been recorded (perhaps 10 per

Would it not be a splendidly

appropriate project for the millen-nium to mobilise groups of people all

over the country to go out into the churchyards and burial grounds and

rescue this unique source of informa-

tion before it is too late? Even better if

modern information technology, the

computerised database, were har-

nessed to the task of making easily

accessible to the public the unique genealogical information preserved

by one of the most ancient -

De Montfort University Bedford,

week trek with the Gurkha Welfare

Trust inspecting schools and primary

healthcare centres for ex-Gurkhas

and their dependants. Not only are

Yours faithfully. RICHARD SMART

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November 11.

Yours faithfully. MARGOT BEAUCHAMP. The Coach House, 4 Balfour Mews, Sidmouth, East Devon. November 19.

Churchyard history

From Mr Richard Smart

Sir, It is good to learn that information from some 25,000 war memorials is being collected by the Imperial War Museum and transferred to a database which will soon be accessible to the public (letters, November 4). There is also, however, a huge amount of information of importance to genealogists and family historians in the form of perhaps ten million non-military gravestones in our country's churchyards and burial grounds, most of which are unrecorded and crumbling into decay and illegibility.

Many groups, notably family hist-ory societies, are recording the infor-mation from them on a local basis before it is too late.

The task is a massive one. There are no accurate figures of the total

Jam tomorrow

From Ms Jill Leyland

Yours faithfully.

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economist and statistician),

Gurkhas deserve better

From Miss Lara Grieve Sir, Your leading article commenting on future traffic flows (November 19) Sir, Air Vice-Marshal Edward Crew (letter, November 15) rightly labels the intended treatment of Gurkhas posted suggests that traffic volume is set to

here as mean and shabby.

I have just returned from a twovehicles to 50 million by the year 2025. Since the current population of this country is around 58 million and unlikely to grow much, if at all, by that date, who is going to be driving all these vehicles?

double from its present 25 million

the facilities basic - some would say Are we assuming a reduction in the primitive - but I learnt that many of driving age to five years, that all the pensioners have to trek over tough schoolchildren will have their own country for three days to the payment centre and then back with their Mercedes and that we will have no use for public transport? And are all monthly pension which, at barely 15 these vehicles going to be on the road per cent of the rate enjoyed by British soldiers, is meagre even by Nepalese all the time? I suggest a more careful look at standards. these traffic forecasts.

If we can contemplate funding an expensive military exercise to help in Zaire (however humanitarian) surely we can and should look after the Gurkhas well and fairly on all fronts when they have given so much to us for so long.

Yours faithfully. LARA GRIEVE, Stoke Lodge, Clee Downton, Ludlow, Shropshire. November 15.

Citizenship bar on civil servants

From the Joint General Secretary of the Public Services Tax and Commerce Union

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Crawford is to be congratulated on his appointment as the Queen's new press secretary (report, November 19). As an Australian citizen, had he joined the Royal Household after June this year, he would have been barred from taking up the post under new rules introduced by the Government which prevent Irish and Commonwealth citizens from holding any post where a special relationship of allegiance to the Crown is considered to be a re-

quirement for the job. The Civil Service unions are campaigning against this recent change to the Civil Service nationality rules which clearly sends the message to Commonwealth and Irish citizens that they can no longer be trusted to administer the affairs of Her Maj-

esty's Government, Yours faithfully, CLIVE BROOKE, Joint General Secretary, Public Services Tax and Commerce Union, 5 Great Suffolk Street, SEL. November 19.

Establishment rebuff

From Mr M. Al Fayed

Sir, Many hard things have been said about me, but it is cruel beyond measure to imply that I am seeking acceptance by "the Establishment" ("Al Fayed set sights on revenge after take-over report", November 14). I am not seeking acceptance by any self-perpetuating caste. I only wish to share the nationality of my four British child-

I do not wish to receive honours or titles, I never go to fashionable restaurants and I cannot remember the last time I attended a reception or society gathering that was not directly connected with my commercial concerns. My interests are my family, my companies and my staff. I serve all my customers well - not just those who consider themselves to be the Establishment

I have never kept the receipts of any journalist visiting L'Hôtel Ritz in Paris; nor did I put up the £7.8 million to keep Canova's statue The Three Graces in this country, though I offered to do so if no one else would foot the Hampton Court restoration fund, though I have admired the completed work and was pleased to present a promotion in my store on behalf of the Royal School of Needlework which is

housed in the palace. I am proud of my Egyptian origins but I love this country, even if that is unfashionable. Without wishing to boast. I should point out that my estate in Scotland is 50,000 acres not 30,000: I recently enlarged it, not least in order that I might get even further away from the goings-on of some of the MPs who make up a decaying "Es-

tablishment" I would never join. Yours faithfully, M. AI FAYED (Chairman), Harrods, 87/135 Brompton Road, SWI. November 15.

Library funding

Sir, May I add my voice to Mr F. Harrowell's (letter, November 15) pleading for MPs to campaign for the

retention of local libraries? The assurance given by Ms Anne Campbell, MP, on behalf of Information for All (letter, November 11), that everyone, wherever they live, will have access to the full range of electronic information services via the library service, can carry little weight with residents living in the Mill Road area of her Cambridge constituency, where her own Labour Party, in coalition with Liberal Democrats. shut down their library in March in the year of its centenary.

No doubt Ms Campbell's county council colleagues would lay the blame for the closure on the underfunding of local government by central government, but local residents, who have challenged county council costings and believe the library could be financed from within the county's libraries' budget, now join the "have nots", not merely in respect of information technology but of all the services offered by the library.

Yours faithfully, . R. MASON. 77 Tenison Road, Cambridge. November 18.

Fit for the job?

From Mrs Helen Tarnoy

Sir. What a godsend to the Letters page! Your readers, I am sure, will be delighted to nominate those whose genius would have been lost to the world of art, letters, humanities, science, politics, sport et al. had their employment been conditional on an alcohol blood test (report. "Executive sues for drink diagnosis that cost job". November 12: letter, November 18)

I am happy to start the ball rolling

with the late, great Winston Churchill.

Yours faithfully HELEN TARNOY.

Chelwood Gate, West Sussex. November 12.

ERIC GALLARD



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 19: The Prime Minister of Belize was received by The

His Excellency Mr Justas Paleckis was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his Predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Lithuania to the Court of St lames's.

Mrs Paleckiene was also received by The Queen. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

Her Majesty received General Martin Famdale upon relinquishing his appointment as Master Gunner, St James's Park, and Field Marshal the Lord Vincent of Coleshill upon assuming

The Queen held a Council at 12.40pm.

There were present the Lord Mackay of Clashfern (Lord Chencellor), the Rt Hun Antony rwton MP (Lord President), th Rt Hon Sir John Wheeler MP land Office) and the Rt Hon-Jeremy Hanley MP (Minister o State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office).

The Rt Hon Manuel Esquivel and the Rt Hon Sir Mark Waller were sworn in as Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy

Mr Nicel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty

The Queen and The Duke of Edinbrugh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales and The

Prince Edward were present. The Orchestra of the Coldstream Guards played selections of music

during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms. The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honor-ary Life Member, British Sub-Aqua Chub, this morning

presented the 1995 Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham

His Royal Highness, President, afterwards presented the National Playing Fields Association President's Certificates for 1996 at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee today attended Receptions at St. James's Palace for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon presented the institute of Sports Sponsorship Awards and attended a Luncheon at the Royal Automobic Club. Pall

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE November 19: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady-in-Wairing to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 19: The Prince of Wales.

Duke of Cornwall, this morning held a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10 Buckingham Gate. His Royal Highness, President.
Royal College of Music, this evening presided at the College's
Annual Award Ceremony at
Prince Consort Road, London

The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince's Trust, later attended "Masks", an exhibition of masks which were later auctioned in support of the Trust, at the Royal Festival Hall, London SEI.

YORK HOUSE STJAMES'S PALACE

November 19: The Duke of Kent. President, this afternoon laid a wreath at the Hodagaya Common-wealth War Graves Cemetery,

His Royal Highness, President, Action Japan, this evening at-tended a reception given by the British Ambassador, at the British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan.

Today is the forty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of The Queen to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Birthdays today

Mr M.C. Alexander, writer, 76: Lord Archer of Sandwell, QC, 70; the Hon Hugh Astor, former deputy chairman, The Times, 70; Mr P.G. Badge, Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, 65; Mr Gareth Chilcott, rugby player, 40; Mr Wallace Clark, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County London-derry, 70; Mr Alistair Cooke, KBE, journalist and broadcaster, 88: Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey, former rugby player, 85: Mr R.M. Francis. art historian, 49: Sir Alan Goodison, diplomat, 70; Miss Nadine Gordimer, author, 73: Miss Dulcie Gray, actress and author, 76: Mrs Penelope Hobbouse, horti culturist, 67: the Earl of Home, 53; Mr Aubrey Jones, former MP, 85; Mr Piara Khabra, MP, 72; Sir Michael Latham, former MP. 54; Mr J.A.S. McPherson, Lord-Lieutenant of Grampian Region, 69; Sir Richard Morris, chemical engineer, 71: Sir David Price, former MP. 72: Mr A.M. Rees. former Chief Constable, Denbigh-shire and Staffordshire, 84; Mr Steve Smith, athlete, 24: Mr

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the Royal Concert in ald of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund at the Albert Hall

The Prince of Wales will open the Discerning Eye Exhibition at the Mall Galleries at 6. The Princess Royal will open the new headquarters of the North of Scotland Water Authority. Seachwood Business Park, Inshes,

Inverness, at 11.20; and will visit Teanassie School, Beauly, at 12.55. Princess Margaret, Patron, will attend a reception given by the Pottery and Glass Trades' Benevolent Institution at Painters' Hall at The Duchess of Gloucester will

open Melbury Lodge at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winthester, at 2.30; and, as Patron of the Enham Trust, will open Phases I and 2 of Cedar Park, Enham Alamein, at 3.30. Princess Alexandra will attend a

dinner given by the British Moroc-can Society to be held at the St James Court Hotel. Buckingham Gate, at 8.



The Royal Family of Monaco reviewing the Monégasque national parade yesterday. From left Andrea, 12, Prince Rainier, Prince Albert, Pierre, 9, Princess Caroline, Charlotte, 10, and Princess Stéphanie. The three children are Princess Caroline's

Memorial services

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Jeremy Rowe, industrialist, was held yesterday at St Marylebone Parish Church. The Rev Richard McLaren officiated. Mrs Nicola Herring, daughter, read the lesson and Mrs Jose

Fothergill, daughter, read Psalm 121. Mrs Sarah Burles, daughter. read her lather's poem River's Story and Mrs Lucinda Grant, daughter, read from the works of Joyce Grenfell Mr Walter Drax gave an ad-

Mrs T J Everard, Mr Mark Everard, Mr Nicholas Everard, Mr and Mrs John Trotter. Mrs Amanda de Lisie, Miss Rosina Harris and other members of the family. Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Baroness Blatch, Lady Frances Denman, the Hon Mrs Drax, the Hon Mrs Tom Brassey, Sir Raiph and Lady Verney, Sir Thomas and Lady Troubridge, Sir Franklin and Lady Verney, Sir Thomas and Lady Milne, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Sir John Sparrow, Sir Neft Shields, Sir Peter Hunt.

The Marier of the Company of Tylers and Bricklayers. Mr Mark Drax, Mr Edward Drax, Mr Jerenny Drax, Mr Sand Mrs Clive Barford, Mr and Mrs Anthony Herring, Mr and Mrs Anthony Herring, Mr and Mrs John Grant, Mr Bemtard Brook-Partridge. Mr Charles Hemnings, Commander L C Lings. Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Tony Watson. Mr Netl Rattee. Mrs John Horrell, Mr Anthony Forbes. Mr and Mrs Donald Cameron. Mr James Johnston. Mr Martin Hime. Mrs Ann Bowtell. Mr and Mrs John Ellis, Mr and Mrs Hon, Mr Strick Harrison.

Mr Santh Bowtell. Mr and Mrs John Ellis, Mr And Mrs Poper. Mr And Mrs Rouy. Mr Dave Alisop. Mr Tony Alexander. Mr John Barber. Mrs David Vaughan. Mr Robin Gold. Mr F Streen. Mr Sohn Gold. Mr F Streen. Mr Sohn Curry, Mrs Cathherine Cave. Browne-Cave. Mr and Mrs Clive Carr. Mr and Mrs Donis Burles. Mr and Mrs David Davenpon. Mr

Lords and Commons Solicitors' Anniversaries BIRTHS: Thomas Chatterton, the "boy poet", Bristol, 1752; Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield,

A memorial service for Professor Donald C. Earl, Professor of

was held vesterday in the chanel of the university. Canon Dr Francis Gordon-Kerr, Chaplain, officiated, Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor of Hull University, read the lesson and Professor Gwyn Harries-Jenkins gave an address.

Mr Brian Davies

A memorial service for Mr Brian Melville Davies, television pro-ducer and director, was held vesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street Canon John Oases officiated and the Rey Jonathan Cruickshank led prayers. Ms Ann Good read the lesson. Miss Rebecca Davies, daughter, read James Whitcomb Rikey's Away and Miss Jane Drabble, director of education, BBC. read from the works of Sir Huw Wheldon, Miss Elizabeth Davies. daughter, paid tribute and Mr David Lomax gave an address.

Luncheons

Liverpool Consular Corps The Lord-Lieutenant of Mersey-side, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the President of the Man-chester Consular Association attended a luncheon of the Liverpool Consular Corps held at the Liverpool Racquet Club yesterday to mark 50 years of consular service in Liverpool by Consul-General Thomas V. Anthony (Dominican Republic). Consul David Beazley (Sweden), president of the corps, presided. Consul Anthony Brown (Iceland) and Vice-Consul Hilary Gatenby (Dominican Republic welcomed the guests.

Lord Hacking Lord Hacking and Mr Tony Girling. President of the Law Society, gave a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday for the

DEATHS: Abraham Tucker

writer. Dorking, Surrey, 1774; Anton Rubinstein, pianist and composer, Peterhof, Russia, 1894;

Count Leo Toissoy, writer, 1916.
Alexandra, Queen Consort of King
Edward VII. Sandringham, 1925.
John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl
Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet.

Kensington, 1935; Francisco

Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75.

Simón Bolívar declared Venezuela

Charles Stewart Rolls and Fred-

erick Henry Royce formed Rolls-

There will be a Service of Thanks-

giving for the life of Lord Finsberg. MBE (Geoffrey Finsberg) at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St

John's Wood Road, London NWS.

on Wednesday. December 18, at

independent from Spain. 1818.

Missouri, 1889.

Madrid, 1975.

Ruyce, 1900.

Lord Finsberg

Group. Among those present were Lord Irvine of Lairy, QC. Sir Wicholas Lyell, QC., MP. Mr David Hunt. MP. Sir Wan Lawrence, QC. MP. Mr Paul Boateng, MP. members of both Houses of Parliament, members of the society and the press.

Dinners

Lecture

Air Force Board Earl Howe, Under-Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the hosts at a dinner of the Air Force Board held at Admiralty House botato field at Admiraty Proceed ast night. The guests were:
The Duke of Grafton, KG, Lord Donoughue, Sir Perer Cazaler, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Mr John, Kemp-Welch, Mr Robert Ayling, Mr Jonathan Holborow, Mr Gawin Lyati and Mr Colin Balmer.

United & Cocil Cinio Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host to the United & Cecil Chib at a er at the House of Commons

ISVA/Hamptons International

Mr Christopher Jonas, CBE, delivered the Hampions Lecture yes

Sons of the Clergy

The following were elected treasurers for the year ensuing. Mr. L.H.G. Trimm, Mr. T.D. Baxendale and the Rev. David

The court of governors elected

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, Viscount Ashbrook, and

Supper

Cheshire Lieutenan

Viscounters Ashbrook were the hosts at a supper party held last evening at Ariey Hall for the Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, Mr William Bromley Davenport, and Mrs Bromley Davenport, Deputy Lieutenants and other guests were

Lord Lloyd of Berwick, the Bishop

Canon Joseph Robinson refreid

last night. Sir Marcus Fox, MP.

chairman, presided. Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, was the prin-

Mr David Welch, Chief Executive

the Royal Parks Agency, was guest of honour at a dinner of the society held last night at Trinity House, Tower Hill. Mr Rupert

cinal guest and speaker.

The Society of Merchants

of London, the Rev Philip Buckler, Mr T.D. Hoffman and Mrs C. White to be members of the court

terday at the ISVA, the professional Society for Valuers and Auctioneers, in conjunction with Hampions International. The title of the Lecture was "Foresight a The College of

Estate Management The President of the Royal Institu-Corporation of the tion of Chartered Surveyors, Mr Jeremy Bayliss, presented Diplomas in Surveying and gave an address to successful students of the College last Saturday. Mr The 318th annual general Court of Governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy was held on November 14 at Lambeth Palace. Mr L.H.G. Trimm, senior trea-Martin Ralph was awarded the prize for the most distinguished student of the year. The Chairman

the College Principal, Mr Peter Goodacre, each gave an address.

of the College, Mr John Parry, and

The court of governors received the retirement from the court of assistants of Lord Templeman. **Dulwich College** The Governors of Dalwich Coliege. London SE21, are pleased to announce that Sir Robin Butler. Brigadier G.B. Curtis, Mr R.H.N. Dashwood, Mr P. Griffin, Alder-man Sir Brian Jenkins and Mr M.LJ. Marshall. GCB, CVO, will succeed Sir Colin Cole, KCB, KCVO, TD, BCL, MA. as Chairman, with effect from September 1, 1997.

Forthoming marriages

Mr A. Bance and Miss M.R. Taylor The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Bance, of Long Ditton. Surrey. and Margaret. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Taylor. of Rimington. Lancashire.

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Mr E.J.P. Evens

and Miss C.J. Lavender The engagement is announced between Edward James Probert, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Washington DC, USA, and Caroline Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lavender. of Belgravia, London.

Mr G.J. Findley and Miss J.M. Ward

The engagement is announced between Graeme, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.E. Findlay of Knowle, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Ward, of Dorridge.

Mr R.B. Prere Scott and the Hon Mary Douglas

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Collabbiels, Scotland, and Mary only daughter of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Belinda, Lady Montagu.

Mr M.P. Galliford

and Miss A.J. Newsham The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Mr Peter Galliford, CBE, and Mrs Galliford, of Rugby, Warwick-shire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Cyril Newtham, of

Mr D.A. Macanlay

and Miss D.S. Marshall The engagement is announced between David Alexander, younest son of the late Mr Kenneth gest son of the late by Kenneun Macaulay and of Mrs Marion Maraulay, of Manchester, and Deborah Susan, eldest daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Susan Marshall, of Hernel Hempstead.

Mr C.G.St J. Nevilt and Miss L.R. Randell

The engagement is: announced between Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Nevill, of Colchester, Essex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Randell, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr R.G.R. Partitt

and Miss J.C. Barras The engagement is announced between Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Parfitt, of Streatleyon-Thames, Oxon, and Jounna second daughter of Mr LW.B. Barras, of Gouvieux, France, and Mrs G. Barras, of Ascot.

Mr M.E. Roberts and Miss B.E. Copping The engagement is announced between Mark Edwin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts. of Mark Beech, Kent, and Bridgette Elizabeth (Queenle), only daughter of Mr Austin Copping, of Hovingham, North Yorkshire,

Mr D.L.G. Scriven

and Miss J. Longon The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Scriven, o Forest Row, Sussex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lunnon, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Flight Lieutenant D.J. Storr and Miss P.M.L. Birch

The engagement is announced between Daniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Storr, of Lincolnshire, and Philipps, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Birch, of Shelfield,

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Wilfred Wooller, cricketer and rughy player, 84.

BIRTHS CARBLO - On November 18th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sars (nos Ferrara) and Massimo a son. Alberto,

Ortober to Carlo and Mari-DRIVER-DAWS - On November 4th 1996, to Fiona Jane and John, a beautiful daughter, Freya Mary. BLIOTT - On 16th November, to Catherine (née Lawrence) and Rupert, a son, Hector Edmund Murray, a brother for Eliza.

TIZSIMONS - On November 15th 1996 at St Mary's Paddington, to Susannah (nee Hyde) and Paul, a 13th, to Carina and James, a son, Alfred Carwithen.

NOLLOWAY - On 18th November in Bristol, to Emms (nee Samuelson) and Emms (ner Samuelson) and John, a son, Cameron Edward.

KEMP - On 12th November, to

Mary (née Sell) and Andrew,
a daughter, Amber Sophia, a
sister for Lauren.

KYMASTON - On 19th November 1996 at Oseen Mary's, Rochampton, to Serena and Marius, a son, Thomas Charles

McBOVERN - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Joanne (née Barnett) and Jonathan, a son, Edward Sebastian. FORMAN - On November 14th to Alexandra (née Holoroft) and Andrew, a son, Angus James Bethune, a brother for Natucha

Natasha. RAPLEY - On 16th November 1996, in Hastings, to Teress (née Standen) and Guy, a son, Thomas Elliott, son, Thomas Elliort, 13th ROSERTSON - On 13th November 1996, to Isobel (note Grant) and Graham, a son, George James.

RODICK - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Edwards (16th Webb) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Annabel.

SARPHE - On November 8th 1996, to Anna (nee Bellhouse) and David, a son, Joshua MacLeen.

DEATHS BEVEN - Barbara Joan, peacefully at home on November 18th 1996. Adored wise of H.E. (Ilmmy) Beven. Widow of John Wassen (dark 1941), loved siater of Joyce Cozens, precious mother of Sue and dear mother-in-law of Coch Benzetz, Dearest granny of Toby, Olivez, Edward and Lucy and great-granny of Eupert and Kitty, Private cremation. No letters please.

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BIRD - Royle (Loy) James.

Peacefully at Lound Hall
Nussing Bome on November
16th, aged 78 years. Dearly
loved husband of Betty and
dear father of David. Funeral
Service at St Hart's Church,
Ouiton Broad, Lowestoft, on
Tuesday November 26th at
2.15 pm followed by private
cremation. Flowers to E.
Rivett Ltd., 15 Carlton Road,
Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.
BUCKLER - Peacefelly on Movember 17th, Ernest Jw., FBSA, FCIB, of live, formerly of National Westminster Sank. Beloved husband of the late Cynthia, mach loved father of Guy and Fhilip and dearly loved father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Sarvior at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rye, on Monday 25th November at 1.30ps. Family flowers only but domations if desired to the RNIB c/o TW. Foggle & Son., 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 600.

BUXTON - Thomas Fowell Victor died November 14th 1996. Funeral at St Thomas Church, Upshire, 12 noon or Thursday November 28th.

Thursday November 28th.

CLAPHAM - Nara os 17th

November suddenly but

pencerally at home. Beloved

mother of Conagh and Gory

and a devoted and much

loved grandmother. Funeral

at Mortlake Crematorium on

Thursday 21st November at

4 pm. Flowers to Bernes &

Sons, 112 Devonport Road,

London W12. A Memorial

Service will be hald at St.

Brides, London on a date to

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CLARK - Ella Denuett
(formerly Mayett) On
November 16th 1996 in
Salisbury aged 92. Mother of
Peter, Genetmother of Tim,
Nicky and Fippa and GreatGrandmother, Family funeral
at Salisbury Cramatonium.

COOPER - Sgt. B. 66970050, Rifle Brigade - Green Jackess, died 9 am 17th November (Australian time), 84 years.

COCKIN - George need 88
years (formarly Blahop of
Owers, Nigeria and Rector of
Beinton) died peacefully in
hospital on 18th November
1996. The dearly loved
heaband of Brolife Service as
St Loke's Church, Chestina Avenue, Willerby, usur Holl,
on Friday 22nd November at
2.15 pm. Cremation private,
No flowers please, donations
if desired would be appractated to be divided between
the Kirkelia Farish and the Kirkella Farish and Church Mission Society.

Caurch Mission Society.

Council i - On 16th November 1996 in London Bridge Hospital, David Francis, aged 70, devoted husband of the late III, belowed Schem of Luclinds, Charles and Damian and deady beloved gemediather of Ela, Sacha, Christian and Courad. Funeral - family only. Service of Thanksgiving at St. John the Baptist, Home 1998 and Caurt on Tuesday 3rd December at 11am. No flowers but donations if desired to Edembridge Holiday Activities Scheme clo H.J. Johnston & Sons, Chiddingstone Causeway, Peachust, Kent TNI SLE

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DASS - Suraj Lai died
peacefully at home in
Cooncor, Nilgiris, India on
19th November 1996 aged
86 years, beloved husband
of Sushila, father of Brinda,
Raddilin and Arjan, Formerly
Chairman and Managing
Director of Stewarts a
Lloyds India, Indian Tobe
Company and India Folis,
may be Comman Calcums
Port Trust, he will be sadly
missed by his family and all
his relations, (riends and
former colleagues in India

Boundlosom - Ar rest on November 17th, 1996 at home in Kent, Craca, aged 83 years, beloved wife of the late Alexander Swan Donaldson. Formerly of Chesdle, Staffs. Service at Leadle Parish Chunch at 10.30 am on Friday November 22nd followed by interment at Cheadle Cemetery, Crace requested that after a long and happy life there should be no mourning. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Malcolin Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. Enquiries to JP. Reates & Son Funeral Directors, tak: (01538) 752164.

DOWNER - Ehoda at Peole Bospital on 16th Forescher 1996 aged 90 years. Enquiries and denations to Tapper Funeral Service (el. (01202) 673164. ORSYTHE - Cyrl, into RSM, Royal Artillery, died in Winchester November 15th 1996, Brother of Laura and

GAM - Geoffsey of Morden College Blackbeath, dear brother of Norman and of the hite Kenneth, and of his beloved late wife Jemeste, died peacefully on November 17th where short lilners. Requiem mass on Friday November 22nd at 1130 am 5t Nary's Catholic Church Shockbeath.

GANDY - On Sundry November 17th, suddenly but peacefully at home, john. Descrip loved bushend of [III, lather of Carols and William, and grandfather (Farf) of seven. Funcual private. Details of a celebration bear.

SORDOW-WARREN - Derothy Stannard (nde Pict), loved mother of Debbie, died soudenly at home in Offman on Senday 17th November aged 80 years, Thunkegiving Service on Friday 22ad November at Chart of St Michael and All Angels, Offman at 11.30 am Family Clowers only, donations to FIGHE or Stall All sequences to Viner & Sons Ltd. 54 High Street, West Mailing, Kent, wet (01732) 842485.

GIRET - Dr. Douglas C.V.O.
M.A., Nus.B., aged 80, of
Minchinhampton,
Ghoucestenkire, on Monday
18th November peacefully
after a long filness. Dearly
loved and loving husband of
Peggis, much loved father of
50s and Pella, father-in-law
of Martin and Simon, and
proud grandfather of Jereny,
kobin and Sacha, Cara and
claire. Faneral at Holy
Trinity
Minchinhampton
Saturday 23rd November at
12 o'clock. Family flowers
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House, Minchinhampton, clo
Phillp Ford & Son Feneral Benevolent Fund or Horstall House, Minchinhampton, clo Philip Ford & Son Funeçal Directors Ltd., Director House, Coinscross Road, Stroud, Glos. Memorial Service in Westminster Abbey will be held in the limit of the Memorial Service.

WPER - In hospital on 18th | Younger Alfred Alexander November Alfred Automose (Fred) Barper, born in Abediese in 1907, Esschwa Professor of Physiology at the University of Newcastle agon Tyse. Funesa Service at fireworth Communication at filtrecatile Communication on Thursday 21st November at 1230 pm. No flowers but domations may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Trust, 5 Ryth Road, Romaley, Kent HEI 385.

MERBERT - David Mark, publisher, believed imband of Brenda and father of Charite and Ennan, quietly at home on 18th November 1996. Fasteral service at Streeter de Beauveir, De Beauveir Food London Mi et 12 noon on Treeday, 26th November, Family flowers, domitions it wished to St. Jeseph's Hospice, Mare Parte, London 25 th. Meyer, London 25 th. Perer, London E3 dEA
HEYOT - Barmess Vers Von
Der Reydt, peacefully at St
Wilfrid's Convent, Tite
Street, London SW3, in her
97th year, on 14th
November 1996. Funeral
Service and Requiem Mass to
take place at St Mary's
Church, Cadegan Street,
London SW3 on Wednesdry,
27th November at 12 mon,
followed by private
followed by private London SW3 on Weinesdry, 27th November at 12 moon, followed by private cremation. Flowers and megables to A france I See Ltd., tel: (0171) 405-4901.

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NOBSON - On 17th November,
Betty (Caggy), 92, loved by
so many, thad peacetully,
Tannkagiving Mass for a
great life, 11.30 this Friday,
35. Joseph and Teresta,
Chamberlain Street, Wells,
followed by buried at Dinder.
Cut flowers, c'o Hill and Son.
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HOLDSWORTH HIMT - Fairs on November 15th after a long libers, aged 79.

Belowd insband of Holly, tather of Christopher and steplather of Caroline. Funeral Service Toesday Hovember 26th at The Guards Caspel, Wellington Berracks, Birdcage Walk. London SWI at 11 mm. All falands welcome. A private cremation will follow. Eamily flowers unly. Donations if desired to Horder Ward Fund, Ecycl Marston Hospital, Falkan Boad, London SWA.

HICHEOM - Flowers Units. HATCHESON - Florence Ender-on 15th Kovember, inte of Woolihara and Endwick Sydney, Australia. Beartings in her memory to Lagacy-Frience companion.

JOPE - Professor Edward
Martyn Jope MA FRA FSA,
beloved husband of
Margaret, suddenly at home
on Thursday, 14th
Movember, aged 30 years.
The service will take place
to Thinday, 26th November,
at 11 am in Oriel College,
Oxford All empirical to Mr
A.J. King, (Olb65) 210507.

died pescefully in the John Indicilife Hospital, Oxford on November 16th, aged 70. Mach loved wife of Brim and nother of Borid, Richard and Sath and permises of Fatrick, Morvensus and Satach, Faneuri service at Oxford Crematorium on Saturday November 23rd at 11 am. No flowers please dotations to The National Autistic Society of Seven and Fain, 288 Altagdon Boad, Oxford, (EXI 472.

MOORE Jean Mary Mackintonh (née Shaw), funnedy of Onford and St Anderst, died pencentilly on Kovensber 16th 1996 in Norwich. A loving and much loved mother who will be gently missed by her family and friends. Funnezai Sarvice to take place at Specterous Methodist Church, Norwich, at 12 noon on Manday. methodist Church, Norwick, at 12 noon on Monday November Zhid followed by Cremation. Flowers or densitions if desired in aid of Orism which may be sent of Co-operative Funeral Service, St Sephens Squant, Borwick.

GGLIV MacLEAN - Suddenly at Kircleandr on November 19th 1996, Charles Atastah of Balanboth, dauty loved husband of Dorothy and father of Elizabeth Anne, Rector and Lindy and a loving gandfather. Service in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Kirricanuis, on Friday November 22ad at 220 pm. Funezal thersiter to Parigines Counstandens, Edockhelin aniving 4 pm.

REMOURT - Jos, beloved father and grandfather, respected hurrister, at home in Acces with his family, 17th Revember 1996, Funesal at Ridge Church, Acces, next week.

Ring - Monica on 16th November at home, Beloved mother of Carola, mother-fra-law of Humy and widow of Charles. Faneral at Paddistore Church 2 pm on Monday 25th November. Family Howard donations if whited psyable to 5t Mary's

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PROFESSOR BRYAN KEITH-LUCAS

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Bryan Keith-Lucas, CBE. Professor of Government University of Kent, 1965-77, died on November 7 aged 84. He was born on August 1, 1912.

ryan Keith-Lucas took an unfashionable area of the British constitution and made it his own. Yet his interest in local government, especially in parish councils and the historic boroughs and counties of England, was not solely academic. He was a fierce believer in grassroots democracy and was much involved in devising systems through which local communities could have a real say in their affairs. Furthermore, he was an active participant in local government, serving as a city councillor in Oxford for 15 years and, from 1964 to 1970, chairing the National Association of Parish Councils.

Bryan Keith-Lucas was born at Fen Ditton, the son of the Cambridge physiologist Dr Keith Lucas, FRS. He was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read history and then economics. His involvement in local government began when he joined the town clerk's department at Kensington Town Hall where, on qualifying as a solicitor, he was appointed assistant solicitor to the royal borough in 1938.

As a student, Keith-Lucas had seen himself as a pacifist and, on the outbreak of the Second World War, being secure in a reserved occupation, he need not have volunteered for military service. However, he decided to enlist as a private in the Buffs, in due course receiving a commission and serving with the Sherwood Foresters in the North African and Italian campaigns. He was mentioned in

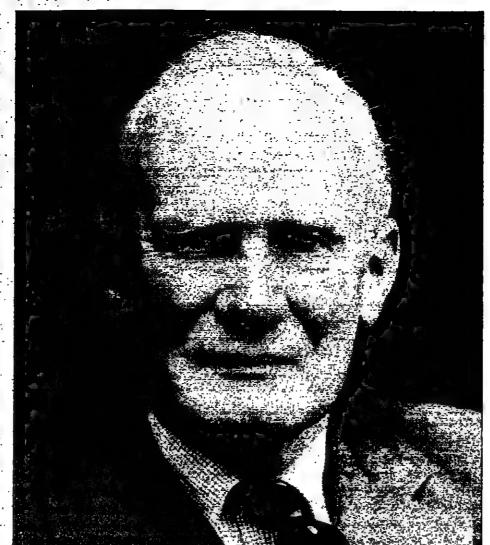
dispatches and ended the war as a major serving as DAAG in Cyprus.

At the end of the war he moved from Kensington to Nottinghamshire County Council and then in 1948 he switched from local government to academic life, becoming a senior lecturer in local government at Oxford. In 1952. he published the standard History of Local Government Franchise and edited the second edition of Redlich and Hirst's History of English Local Government.

Keith-Lucas was a meticulous researcher who rediscovered long-forgotten characters and issues from the neglected county archives and gave them new life. It was then a. measure of his skill and enthusiasm as a teacher that he could take a topic, perhaps one as uncompromising as 19th-century municipal drainage in England, and weave it into a lecture of humour and drama, impersonating to the full the pompous aldermen, dishonest town clerks and odious officials he had unearthed.

From his perspective, modern allegations of sleaze in public life had established precedents. In his work The Unreformed Local Government System (1980) he wrote of the state of the boroughs prior to 1835 that they were startling in their "corruption and mismanagement".

Being well aware of the dangers as well as the merits of local democracy, Keith-Lucas was ideally placed to advise governments. In 1954 he went to Sierra Leone to chair a committee on the electoral system. In 1955-56 he was in Mauritius, in 1963 in Lagos, and in 1975 he travelled to Fiji. In Britain from 1964 to 1967, he was a member of the Mallaby committee examining the staffing of local government, and in 1956 was



appointed to the Local Goveroment Commission for

England. Keith-Lucas was closely involved in establishing two new institutions of higher educa-tion. As a Faculty Fellow of the young Nuffield College at Oxford and from 1957 to 1965 its domestic bursar, he helped to create an environment in which practising politicians

felt free to test their ideas with leading political scientists and

Then, on moving to the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1965 as the first Professor of Government, he set out to recreate the atmosphere of Oxford collegiate life in a modern campus setting. In 1970 he became the first Master of Darwin College.

The hospitality of Keith-Lucas and his wife Mary will be recalled with pleasure by hundreds of undergraduates and visiting academics. He would delight in recounting how their garden was an old burial ground and their home had once served as a "penny-anight" doss house.

At Oxford Keith-Lucas had served as a vigorous and

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independently minded city councillor, using his specialist knowledge of local govern-ment law to good effect. In Canterbury it was his wife who became active in local politics, bravely challenging the then Conservative domina tion of the council by being elected as a Liberal member.

Keith-Lucas's interest and involvement in local affairs covered much ground. He was president of the Kent Federation of Amenity Services, of the Wye Historical Society and of the Kent Association of Parish Councils - to give just a few examples.

He retired as Professor of Government at the University of Kent in 1977 but remained involved with the university. through the then Kent Society, which he served as president He received the honorary degree of DLitt from the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1980 and in 1983 he was appointed CBE.

Keith-Lucas was an im-mensely kind and courteous man whose conservative appearance disguised a radical and forward-looking mind. In the days when political and economic centralisation was in vogue, he advocated local democracy. While he had a wideranging network of friends and contacts within the Establishment he never lost his instinct to champion the un-

derdog and neglected causes. He warned that many of the municipal reforms of the 1970s would have disastrous consequences and his views were considered old-fashioned; yet his fears, as events have shown, were well justified. In his later years he became concerned that changes forced on the universities could destroy the underlying ethos of higher education.

Bryan Keith-Lucas is survived by his wife Mary, and by a son and two daughters.

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nity to be back flying planes, but when in 1947 he was

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ANDREW HUTCHINGS

Andrew Hutchings, CBE, former general secretary of the Assistant Musters Association, died on October 30 aged 88. He was born on December 3.

ANDREW HUTCHINGS served longer at the helm of a teachers' organisation than probably any other teaching union leader. When he retired in 1978 he had completed 39 years as general secretary of the Incorporated Associaton of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools - more commonly known as the Assistant Masters Association. He was the only teachers' leader of his day who could (and did) boast that he had known every Education Minister since Ellen Wilkinson.

Andrew Hutchings's career began in the dark days just before the outbreak of the Second World War and ended with the Assistant Masters Association making peace with its sister organisation the Assistant Mistresses Association to form a new and formidable teachers' union. now known as the Association of Teachers and Lecturers.

He joined the teaching profession after reading mathematics and economics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Appointed to the staff of Methodist College, Belfast, he was soon representing his colleagues in Northern Ireland and gained a reputation as a skilful negotiator. This led to his appointment as assistant secretary of the AMA in 1936. Within three years he became general secretary, a post he held for some four decades.

He made significant contributions to what proved a period unprecedented change and turmoil. Between 1941 and 1943 he was part of an official investigation into the state of the curriculum and examinations in secondary schools (the Norwood committee). Flowing from this inquiry was a report which set a new standard in the great education debates that took place during the consensus years after the war.

Teachers were at the heart of that debate and for more than 13 years Hutchings chaired the negotiating body which determined their pay and conditions - the teachers' panel of the Burnham committee. Skill alone is not enough to explain how he held the chair for so long. The high personal esteem afforded to him by his counterparts in other larger teachers organisations also counted in his favour. Both factors also explain his tenure as chairman of the teachers' side of the committee that negotiated the provisions of the teachers' pension scheme, one of the

largest in the public sector.

Throughout his years of union office, Hutchings never ran into the pressures of internal union politics. He deconstructed factions before they had even thought to form. He was a brilliant and charismatic speaker who never used notes, but, with an immaculate sense of timing and mood, could combine playing to the gallery without ever losing touch with the serious political agendas of the times. He interwove an appearance of intellectual effortlessness even laziness - with an astute sense for what really mattered and when to intervene.

For a time either side of his retirement he was chairman of the National Federation of Educational Research (NFER), the country's major contributor to inquiries into educational standards, teaching methods and objectives. In part this was a just recognition of Hutchings's own contribution to education during the previous 40 years. But it was also a belated gesture of thanks, for in 1945 - in order to help to get the NFER off the ground - he forced the other teacher unions to follow his example by making an important and lasting donation to

the foundation's coffers. A founder member of the Associated Examining Board in 1955, he chaired its executive committee throughout the 1980s. He was vice-chairman of the board when the GCSE replaced O levels and the CSE examination, and until his death he held the honorary position of vice-president. Long after retiring he also chaired the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

Having spent 20 years associated with the International Federation of Secondary Teachers which he had helped to set up, Hutchings was also a well known and respected figure abroad. He served 11 of those years as secretary-general and spent two spells as the federation's president. For more than two decades he was an executive member of the World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession, of which he had also been a founder.

A keen member of the Kennel Club, he was famous for his love of dogs. In partnership with his longstanding friend Norman Blagrave, he bred first Great Danes and (more recently) French bull-dogs, some of which were shown successfully at Cruft's. It was Hutchings who bred the Great Dane which, subsequently sold to Norman Scott. was shot by Andrew Newton

on Exmoor in 1975. Elected a Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland in 1963, in 1975 he was created a Fellow of the College of Preceptors. Two years later he was appointed CBE.

He remained unmarried.

COLIN CADELL

Colin Cadell, CBE. electronic engineer, died on October 29 aged 91. He was born on August 7, AS AN RAF officer during the Second World War, Colin

Cadell revealed an expertise in the field of electronics which made him a natural choice for Intelligence work. Though he often hankered after active service, he spent much of the war in the Air Ministry. In 1940 he helped to establish 80 Wing - the RAF radio countermeasures unit whose task it was to disrupt the navigation of German bombers by "bending" the radio beams along which they flew. He then moved on to set up the highly successful listening station at Chicksands Priory where a team of WAAFs intercepted enemy signals which were then fed to Bietchley Park to be decrypted.

Cadell was also closely invalved with the development

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of radar, facing the challenge of how to improve its efficiency in Allied hands while simultaneously devising counter-measures to make it much less

useful to the enemy. Born into a military family - his father was a colonel in the Indian Medical Service --Colin Simson Cadell was educated at Merchiston and at Edinburgh University before being commissioned into the RAF in 1926. He decided to specialise in the then challenging new field of electronics and

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gained a scholarship to the École Supérieure d'Électricité in Paris. He passed out with bonours, and a signals posting might have been expected. But

Cadell instead accepted an appointment as ADC to Sir

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Miles Lampson (later Lord Killearn), the High Commissioner for Egypt. After two happy years in Cairo he returned to Britain in 1936 to command 45 Squadron before being sent to Staff College a year later.

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During the Second World War the intense secrecy de-manded of Cadell together with the round-the-clock duties expected, put him under enormous pressure. More than once he applied for active service but his skill was too valuable and each time he was refused, except when he was posted for a few months in 1943 to Cairo as Chief Signals Officer, Middle East. He was soon posted back to the Air

Ministry. From 1944 to 1945, as director of telecommunications and then as director of signals, he had a hand in almost every aspect of war in the air and his services were recognised in 1944 when he was appointed CBE. He was also appointed to the American Legion of Merit for his work in radio countermeasures.

After the end of the war Cadell returned to live with his family in Scotland where he served as AOC 66 Group throughout 1946. He was sons and a daughter.

provide worldwide air safety services for passenger flights, they founded International Aeradio in London (IAL). Within four years Cadell, as managing director, had acquired sites and equipment, set up training schools and opened branches of the company in some thirty different

commodore.

footing before passing the management of it on and in 1957 it was handed over to BOAC as a highly successful subsidiary company. Cadell went on to take up an assignment for the Astor family who wanted to modernise The Times by rebuilding Printing House Square, without missing an issue. They also hoped to streamline production but Cadell's electronic plans for this were too far ahead of their time and they

were shelved for fear (subse-

quently shown to be well justified) of resistance from the

countries. But from the first

his aim had only been to est-

ablish IAL on a permanent

print unions. In 1964 Cadell retired, from then on dividing his leisure time between his garden and the bridge table. He served as a non-executive director on the board of the Royal Bank of Scotland. He also served as Vice Lieutenant for West Lothian and was, for 27 years, a member of the Queen's Body-guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers. He was a staunch churchman and for some thirty years was an elder of the Church of Scotland.

Cadell is survived by his wife, Rosemary, whom he met while in Cairo, and by two



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THE CRYSTAL PALACE IN HYDE-PARK.

The great undertaking grows space, Since our last account of its progress a wonderful advance has been made. The long drawn aisles and terraced elevations spring forth under the eye of the visitor and the immense transept stands ready to receive the arched roof which is to crown it . . .

While construction progresses rapidly, and while every provision is being adopted for the safety of the vast masses of human beings from every part of the globe who next year will flock to visit the Crystal Palace, and its rare and costly furnishings, the chief strength of the hands employed is still engaged in the collection and preparation of materials. There were no less than 800 to 900

carpenters occupied in "moulding," "bevelling," "drilling," or some other operation of their craft: and the ingenuity with which each of these is carried on, the division of labour observable, the simplicity and regularity with which everything is done, merit and attract the attention and admiration of the visitor.

Not the least interesting feature is the way in which the glaziers carry on their business. With their implements of trade they are mounted on a platform, which moves on wheels

ON THIS DAY November 20, 1850 **地加州**

Work on Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace was begun on September 26. The structure needed begun on September 20. The structure needed 4,000 tons of iron, 400 of glass and 600,000 cubic feet of wood. The huge glass building was completed on time for the opening of the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in May 1851.

running in the gutters of the ridge and valley roof, and thus the long sheets of glass are consigned to their beds with a degree of security and expedition which is truly surprising. Among other points which attracted our at-

tention was an experiment on a small scale. made under the direction of Mr Owen Jones. to determine the appropriate mode of painting the interior. We cannot congratulate Mr. Jones on the success of this first attempt, which is vulgar in design while the colours are extreme-ly ill-selected. All who are interested in the success of the new building, and are able to influence the style of its embellishments, should

interfere to secure for it decorations which may harmonize with its graceful proportions and the flood of light which is to be poured in through its transparent walls and root.

Looking at the general progress of the undertaking, with nearly 2,000 men at work upon it, with great stores of materials ready for use, the imagination has now little difficulty in realizing to itself, independently of the plans, by a personal inspection, what the Crystal Palace will be. The architect will trace the first idea of its long aisles and great central dome back to the splendid baths of the Romans, and especially those of Diocletian and Caracalla.

The modern engineer will point to the triumphs of skill by which a structure composed entirely of iron, wood and glass, without a brick or an inch of mortar, is to be stretched over 18 acres of ground. In watching its growth from week to week we can only regret that when the work is completed and the end at-tained, the visitors to Hyde Park next year will but dimly gather from the results the full expression and character of that well-directed energy and skill which, notwithstanding its nov-

elty, gave effect to Mr Paxton's design. That novelry consisted chiefly in combining the idea of long aisles and central domes, derived from the Romans, with the iron roofs of our railway stations and conservatories. . .

How to preserve the commission's aura of niceness

Cosy head for a cut-throat world

ly go hand in hand. One of the many paradoxes of British broadcasting is the general air of niceness prevailing at the top of the Independent Television Commission, while over at the non-commercial cultural bastion of the BBC, bad blood reigns. The BBC staff think John Birt is "more repulsive than right", according to John Simpson, the BBC's foreign editor, writing in The Sunday Telegraph,

and he is one of Birt's winners.

Perhaps the real enigma of the ITC, which regulates commercial television, is the personality of the outgoing chairman, Sir George Russell. How can a man be supremo of so much, yet be so unassuming? He has headed the ITC since 1990, and its predecessor, the Independent Broadcasting Authority, since 1989. Since 1993 he has been nonexecutive chairman of Marley

Tiles and of the 3i Group, and since 1995, of the Camelot Group, which runs the National Lottery. Earlier, he served as chief executive of everything from Marley to Alcan Aluminium, tucking in meanwhile other public service stints on the IBA, Channel 4, ITN and the Northern Industrial Development Board, to name but a

BRENDA For a brief moment last year, MADDOX Sir George looked as if he might be the man to spread sweetness and light as new chairman of the troubled BBC. But his appointment to Camelot ruled that out. Now, at 61, due to leave the ITC by the end of the year, he seems to have no wish

to carrying on regulating.

The Department of National Heritage is taking a long time to reveal the name of the successor. Even the Labour Party seems to have been consulted — a nicety of bi-partisanship not exhibited when Sir Christopher Bland was given the BBC chairmanship. But who would want the job? The ITC chairmanship pays only about £63,000 a year, in contrast to the BBC chairman's £80,000. What's more, it looks as if all the hard decisions have been taken. Sir George presided over the handing out of the ITV (Channel 3) regional franchises in 1993 and the new Channel 5 franchise in 1995. Over both contents, he and the ITC were challenged in court, and won.

The next chairman will not, thank God. have to conduct another franchise round. All the existing ITV licence holders have ten licences, for which they can reapply for renewal as soon as 1998. They might in time seek some levelling out of the different sums they have to pay to broadcast. But the conditions for such realignment are laid

Maybe the new man (and I'm reliably informed it will be a man) will have nothing to do but steer.

Unless you remember that the ITC has to police cable and satellite as well as terrestrial television, and that its job, on both sides of the divide, includes that of promoting fair competition. This job is going to get tougher as these new channels proliferal

Keeping the rules fair and clear between satellite and cable is no easy matter. Any day now, for example, the ITC will launch an inquiry into Sky Television's sales package called "bundling". Cable operators protest that Sky (parity owned by News International, owners of *The Times*) refuses to allow them to offer their subscribers the popular Disney Channel unless these consumers also buy two pay-TV film channels as well. At the same time the ITC must

keep both cable and satellite channels from violating its rules on acceptability in programmes and advertising. Yet it must allow them, as specialised services purchased by consumers, more latitude than is allowed free, or on terrestrial television.

The television commission's hardest task may be to clarify to the public why cable and satellite channels are regulated more lightly than terrestrial television

is - on news, on the 9pm watershed, on educational, children's and religious programmes. The commission, in other words, applies dual standards. That there should be looser rules for pay channels of which there is no scarcity is not an easy or popular idea to get across.

Then there is still the ITC's main job: preserving competition between the ITV companies, which is still the most popular channel in Britain. The commission must remain vigilant at keeping free advertising off the screen, as a service to advertisers as well as viewers.

On every channel, it will have to crack down on bad language. People now care more, not less, about the deterioration in the currency of acceptable speech. Were that not enough, the ITC must supervise its corner of the newly sprung thicket of digital terrestrial

All in all, there is plenty for the new chairman to do in a tough, niggling job that lacks the grandeur of the BBC chairmanship yet carries the risks of landing up in court. Let us hope that whoever gets the job will be able to preserve the commission's aura of niceness. Commercial television is, in itself, not a cosy business.

Royal humour causes dread

AS THE Christmas party season approaches, staff at the Duke of York's home, Sunninghill, are apparently consumed with dread. The source of their anxiety is not whether they should mention the Duchess's cringing perfor-mance on the BBC's Ruby Wax show, but having to endure another of the Duke's "excruciating" speeches. Each year the Duke and

Duchess stage a party to thank their staff for putting up with what must be one of the least sought-after jobs in the country. However, they are hoping the Duke will improve on his speech last year, which made many squirm with

"What says Morning, Morning, Morning?" asked the Duke as his final crescendo. "A mole in Fred West's garden," beamed the Duke to

 PROVING that media executives rarely learn by their mistakes. Live TV has invited BBC cameras back into its offices for a sequel to the compelling if damning Nightmare At Canary Wharf.
A year after BBC2 screened

the documentary, which re-corded the flagging fortunes of the Mirror Group's TV station and the hellish problems of its then first lady Janet Street-Porter, we are to be treated to New Broom, a film about Kelvin MacKenzie's current reign. The 40-minute feature forms part of a new series on company directors. The same crew that recorded Street-Porter shrieking "If they tell me one more time why it's not working, I'll throw the phone out of the forming win-dow, has now followed Mr News Bunny around his revamped empire, apparently recording some of his less than flattering remarks about

Neil's recruit

THINGS are looking up for Sue Douglas, gutsy former Editor of the Sunday Express, who has spent the past few weeks at home on enforced gardening leave after being ousted from her job.

She is expected to take up a senior position on The Scots-



Douglas: senior position

man where her friend and mentor Andrew Neil was recently recruited by the Barclay Brothers to become the group's Editor-in-Chief. It was Neil who recommended Douglas for the Express job and it was Neil who lamented her exit from Ludgate House, remarking "Sue Douglas will make a brilliant editor one

give rise to the deluge of key BBC figures who have stood up this week to give praise for the reforms of John Birt? First we had the Beeb's war

WHAT can have happened to

veteran John Simpson waxing lyrical in The Sunday Telegraph, closely followed by the director of programmes Alan Yentob who, in his inaugral Bafta lecture, spoke of the painful-but-necessary changes brought about by Saint Birt. Yesterday Sir Christopher Bland addressed the Westminster Media Forum on the advance of the digital age and today Will Wyatt speaks to the Media Society about how British broadcasting represents great value for money. Could this be in any way linked to the fact that a decision on whether to grant an increase in the licence fee is being made next week?

Evans in favour

AT LAST the poor, put-upon Chris Evans has found favour with a broadcasting watchdog. The man who has had no fewer than eight complaints upheld against him has emerged victorious from another run-in with the Independent Television Commission over his anarchic Channel 4

programme TFI Friday.
Viewers complained about a scene in which Evans brandished a powerdrill and pro-ceeded to make holes in furniture to illustrate his spending



Evans: appreciated -

habits. Parents claimed it set a bad example to children. But for once the ITC was on Evans's side. A spokesman said it was all part of the Evans humour. "The ITC noted that IFI Friday, and its presenter in particular, had a well-estab-lished reputation for idiosyncratic and wacky humour. In this instance the drill was used to develop a long-running joke about his spending habits." said a statement. Items such as aerosols, kitchen knives etcetera pose particular problems because they are easily not the case with power tools,"

Takeaways cook up a new medium

ALTERNATIVE media are always attempting to impress themselves upon the advertising fraternity, from the bottoms of golf holes to petrol pump nozzles and even branded bibs for cows. The latest entrant to challenge the traditional might of newspapers and television is the lids on top of takeaway meals, and none other than EMI is to become the first advertiser to try out the fledgeling medium.

The records giant is mounting a month-long campaign with five million takeaways across the nation promoting a series of cut-price CDs and tapes, starting on November 25. The ad will incorporate the number of a 24-hour phoneline for people to call direct and order their bargains.

An EMI spokeswoman claims all the artists involved, from Blur to Robert Palmer, have either been "highly amused" at the promotion or are "extremely supportive", which is surprising. One would have thought

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there would be alarm at a close association between the fine art that is popular music and stuff that gets ucked in bins.

AN INDUSTRY mitiative has been launched to encourage agencies and their clients to do job swaps, in order to improve understanding of one another's hadnesses. Agency and advertiser trade associ-

ations are joining forces to organise secondments for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months within counterpart companies. Both bodies are to target the chief

executives of the top 20 agencies and advertisers in order to promote this happy process of mutual learning. "Advertising needs to be controlled, and systematic but at the same time

inspirational, innovative and fun.

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Is television going soft on violence?

January, one of the binmen, played by Roy Hudd, makes a bungled attempt to hang himself. It should be one of those bitter, black comic scenes which experienced producers relish and audiences warch with hazed breath.

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But long before the scene was shot, the question of how much to show was referred upwards to an editorial policy executive.

The episode was talked through in detail in a way it would not have been a year or two ago. It stayed in, but the camera did not show the act of purting up the electric flex, nor linger on the stool kicked away, in case it encouraged vulnerable imitators.

That is the new convention covering screen suicide in another BBC1 Sunday night drama series, Harvest Moon (also for the new year), about Weish carrie drovers, a man hangs himself. Again audiences will see the effect, not the way he does it.

Is this censorship - orsimply a sign that the sensibilities of the audience are being considered at last? The one certainty is that screen violence and the way television can affect behaviour for the worse remains a highly charged political issue - especially in a delicate pre-election period. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has called the chairmen of the BBC and ITV to a meeting on the issue early next month.

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Programme-makers fear they are being stifled in a new era of censorship, says Maggie Brown

is inevitable that people ask questions about the effects of film, video and relevision," says David Glencross, the former chief executive of the hadecendent Television Commission, which regul mercial television.

He says that the tendency has been for violent but acclaimed dramas, such as Granada's Cracker, or Prime Suspect, to get round programme guidelines by not showing the actual act of violence — the knife going in but concentrating on the effeers, like the stabbed policeman inching towards the door, as his lifeblood drains away.

But the ITC, for all its formal programme code, works in a more subtle way than the BBC: it is a regulator. nor a broadcaster. It is trying to influence television companies behind the scenes by quietly pointing out that the audience prefers less violence and that it is not necessary for

high ratings. According to senior programme-makers, the new caunion over violence, sex and bag language is most clearly seen within the BBC. There, the increased tendency to "refer upwards" is combining with a culture

growing culture of public accountability. The result can be a brake on the work of more creative the talent that the BBC is not in the business of making programmes for people aged

over ten." says one senior producer bitterly. Piers Haggart, chairman of the Directors' Guild film and television committée, says: "It is sad, and a typically reactionary way of acting

Alan Plater, the award-winning dramatist, described in a recent newspaper article his dramatising novels about an

> The BBC is now aimed at people aged less than ten'

old-style copper for the corporation. He revealed how his scripts were sent off to London, with the swear words highlighted, and returned toned down. He managed to rescue the word "pillock" only by pointing out that it was good enough for Shakespeare.

The new mood also seems closely linked to the arrival of Sir Christopher Bland as a vigorous Chairman of the BBC seven months ago. His move to Broadcasting House was marked, unusually, by the publication of an open letter from Virginia Bottomto his role in safeguarding standards. "Standards of taste and decency are also an issue about which there is [particular public concern]; and you

Shortly afterwards the BBC's fledgeling Programme Complaints Unit was given a higher profile, and the chairman demanded that programme-makers paid particular attention to the corrections and lessons handed out. Sources within the Broadcasting Standards Council, the taste and decency watchdog which covers all broadcasting (and which in the summer reported a perceived decline in screen vio-

lence), say privately that since

Bland's arrival the BBC is far

more prepared to admit it

ow of Parliament's strength

of feeling about the need to

maintain high standards."

makes mistakes, rather than stand by programme-makers. All of this has been given a new focus with the publication last week of the BBC's updated guidelines to proucers. It includes an expanded section on violence in drama, urging particular care in six special areas, ranging from domestic and sexual violence to suicide attempts. On strong language, says: "Programme-makers should constantly ask themselves whether it will simply alienate a large part of the audience." It is also clear that drama reconstructions of do-

mestic violence and murder --

hard to make again. Michael Chaplin, the for-mer Head of Programmes at

Sara Thornton — would be

BBC Wales, who is now writing drama series for the BBC. says he finds nothing wrong in principle with programme makers being asked to consider what they are doing, since they can live in an enclosed and highly privileged world.
"But I would be concerned if on a whole range of artistic issues I lost substantive control.

Programme guidelines started becoming generally known to the public in the late 1970s. (Though there were always internal rules; in the 1950s a BBC radio rule reportedly said the phrase "winter draws on" was suitable for the Light Programme but too rude for the Home Service or Third Programme.)

Much of the debate in the 1980s, when the BBC first published its rules, covered TV journalism, especially the lessons to be drawn from footage of tragedy and disaster beamed in indiscriminately by satellite.

The fear now is that these rules, factual in origin, are being extended into other programmes, including fiction, as if the events of a drama were real. Now a rule banning the camera lingering on bodies, or close-ups of distressed people. might well join faked suicides as events no longer deemed suitable for audiences. This would certainly water down dramatic impact, as the cameras retreat.

But then, the boundaries of taste and decency continually

Murky dealings over Fergie book

live Hollick, chief exec-utive of the United News and Media Group, returns to London from Hong Kong today to confront a serious crisis at The Express, the group's flagship seven-day newspaper. As Fleet Street's newest media mogul who is investing millions in the revival of The Express. it will be his first confrontation with the murkier world of Fleet Street and the quest by editors for "spoilers" to destroy the impact of a rival newspaper's scoop.
On his desk will be the

report of an internal inquiry into the professional conduct of deputy editor Ian Monk, who has effectively edited The Express for some of the year while Editor-in-Chief, Richard Addis, has reorganised the paper into a new sevenday operation. Four other senior executives were also

interviewed yesterday.

The inquiry will ask how Mr Monk came to be in possession of a photocopy of a stolen copy of Allan Starkie's inside account of the secret life of Sarah, Duchess of York, due to be serialised by the Daily Mail. A photocopy of the book then seems to have been offered for sale to The Sun by Mr Monk's wife who was arrested at Heathrow on November I on suspi-cion of theft and receiving stolen goods.

The story of how The Ex-press acquired a copy of the Starkie book has damaged its reputation at a moment in its history when Mr Addis has claimed the moral high ground by joining Andrew Marr, Editor of The Independent, in a effort to raise standards in Fleet Street and journalism". Yet The Express now stands accused of using a purloined copy of the Starkie book in a dirty-tricks cam-paign to "spoil" the serialis-ation in the *Mail*, its main rival, destroy its impact and diminish its sales.

Winning the battle for the rights to serialise the Starkie revelations against competi-tion from The Sun, News of the World and Daily Mirror - The Express did not bid

and did not therefore sign any oath of confidentiality — was a coup for Paul Dacre, Editor of the Mail, even though he market in Fergie-mania had been saturated by the earlier from "Madame Vasso".

Earlier this year there had been newspaper bids of up to £450,000 for the rights to serialise the Duchess's own story - which eventually went to Hello for much less - but the market had fallen after the Vasso book was published. Mr Dacre got the book for only £101,000.

7 hen the boot is on the other foot, the the other 1001, the Daily Mail itself is no slouch at spoilers. So Mr Dacre knew that his rivals would be trying to spoil his scoop. So did the publisher. Michael O'Mara, who published Andrew Morton's Diana, Her True Story, To protect his deal with the Daily

Mail and ensure that it could not be seen by Mr Dacre's rivals, Mr O'Mara did not even print the book until the serialisation began. He seems to have reckoned

without the sleuthing skills of Fleet Street. Within days a messenger arrived at Cox and Wyman in Reading, one of Britain's leading printers, bearing ostensible letters from Mr O'Mara and Mr Starkie asking for two copies of the

the unjustly accused who are

cleared will all be banned. It

The puzzling thing about all this is why the Lord Chancellor is bothering. The

cases he dredges up are few

It could be that lawyers are

discovering that their best chance with "difficult" cases

is to find a way of blaming

the press for prejudicing a fair trial and the legal estab-

lishment is having problems

combating it.

evidence is unconvincing.

is clearly absurd.



proofs. The letters were forg-eries and Cox and Wyman were not even the printers of the book. The messenger was sent packing.

Meanwhile there were sev-

eral attempts to obtain copies of the book from the Finnish printers. One caller even pretended he was Mr O'Mara. A Finnish woman was arrested as she offered to sell a copy of the book to a British tabloid.

Security in Finland was watertight but not in Pennsylvania, where the American edition was being prepared. An set of proofs leaked from the plant and arrived in the offices of The Star, America's mass-market weekly tabloid. Soon afterwards the book was touted in Britain,

On Thursday October 31 and especially Friday November 1, the day before the Mail's serialisation was due to start, several illicit copies of the book were being hawked round Fleet Street. A copy of the book was faxed to Mr

> 'Spoilers dont spoil. It's all about editors' egos'

Addis's office on Thursday night when three photocopies were taken. Another photocopy of the proofs followed by courier next day. That was subsequently shredded on the order of Mr Addis who stood by to witness the shredding. One of the main questions before the inquiry will be how a photocopy then got into Mr Monk's briefcase.

Shortly before noon next day Charles Rae, royal corresnondent of the Sun, was called by a woman saying she manuscript. She denied it was stolen and said she was willing to sell it. Rae's impression was that she was Finnish but was checking her answers with another woman.

The Sun, however, already knew that its New York correspondent would be seeing The Star report from the book that night. Anxious to protect its scoop, it warned Mr O'Mara that copies of the book were being offered for sale, meanwhile arranging a the Excelsior hotel. Heathrow, and saying she would be met by the News of the World. Mr O'Mara rang the police who went along, and arrested Anita Monk.

On Saturday, when the Daily Mail began its serialisation, the Express spoiler, mainly written by Ross Benson, was spread across three pages. As the Mail boasted across the top of its front page "Fergie, The Book She Tried To Ban". The Express replied with a Fergie Her Children?". It ran Benson's story at length and described Fergie's anguish over Starkie's "sordid book". The story rated a single col-umn on the front of The Sun.

Ian Monk, who moved to The Express with Mr Addis from the Daily Mail and who bas a reputation as a harddriving news man, is now helping the Express inquiry. There have been reports, denied by Mr Addis and Mr Monk, that he has been asked to resign with a pay-off.

Yesterday, Express staff were rallying to his support. More than a hundred signed a petition of confidence in his journalistic ability. He said: "I am confident that any inquiry will confirm that I have done nothing which conflicts with the best journalistic interests

Among the questions that the inquiry will ask are how and why a copy of the purioined book was being offered to The Sun at Heathrow and whether any money collected from The Sun was to be paid to The Express. It will also need to ask if Mr Monk acted with or with out authorisation from Mr Addis and if there was any authorised attempt to share the spoiler with any other newspaper to spike the Daily Mail.

everal other questions are worth asking. One is whether newspaper spoilers ever achieve their aim. On the Saturday that the *Maii* began its senalis despite the efforts of The Express and The Sun, it achieved the highest sale in its history of 2.8 million. "Spoilers don't spoil," says Mr O'Mara. "I've never known a spoiler that spoilt. It's all about editors' egos. They feel they have been cuckolded if a

rival gets a scoop."

One question for Lord
Hollick is whether The Express, which lives or dies by some of the age-old practices in newspaper wars, is wise to claim a place on the moral high ground of journalism.



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Lawyers blame the press for prejudicing fair trials

he entered a room. His greatest claim to fame was as one of the chief television and book com-panies. On the face of it, the Lord Chancellor's concern ecution witnesses in the trial of Jeremy Thorpe for conspiracy to murder back in the 1970s. His reputation such as it was - was de-stroyed at the trial because among other things it was revealed that The Sunday Telegraph had not only agreed to pay him for his a fair trial.

But does it? The Lord Chancellor's evidence to support this assertion is very thin gruel. He produces four big cases: Thorpe, Myra Hindley and Jan Brady, Peter Sutcliffe and West. Yet Thorpe's is the only case in 30 years where there is any suggestion that witness payment had any effect on the

criminal trials. He has been stirred to act because of the number of witnesses in the Rosemary West case who had been paid by newspapers, magazines,

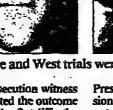
seems justified. How can a jury be sure that witnesses are not embroidering the truth to line their own pockets? This must be a worry that goes right to the heart of

jury. Even this example must be taken together with the increasingly obvious fact as

the trial proceeded that

Bessell was a very tricky customer indeed. In the Moors murder case the Attorney-General specifiA law banning payments to witnesses will cause even more problems. Richard Stott reports







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the chief prosecution witness had not affected the outcome of the trial. In Sutcliffe the issue never arose: the row there was about the pay-ments to relatives and the another countries of the dense and the contracts to accounts by rape victims and



sion code of conduct; it was not about payments to witnesses. The Court of Appeal decided in the West case that there was insufficient evi-

embellish their stories for cash before the case. imagine the position if several witnesses are vying for top dollar after the case. Are they not more likely to ginger up their memories a bit in the witness box if they know they have to compete with others at the end of the trial? Or are we to ban payment completely? If so, will that include books? A number of bestsellers would bite the

dust if that were the case:

This should be enough to ensure that the Mackay plan does not hatch. With that kind of history it can hardly be the most pressing piece of legislation. But the antecedence is as nothing compared

This tactic is being used more often, from the West with the problems created by a non-payment law. case to the Geoff Knights assault trial, which was abandoned because, accordwitnesses really are tempted to change or ing to the trial judge, of "outrageous, unfair and oppressive" reporting. The only trouble there was that the judge's hysterical view was not shared by the appeal court in subsequent contempt of court actions against newspapers. These were all deared, with the Attorneyfortune in legal costs.

General having to fork out a Mr Knights was, of course. free to sell his story to any newspaper that wanted to buy it. Lord Mackay will be relieved to know nobody did.

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Tunnel may be disrupted for months

■ Channel Tunnel services could be disrupted for months after the train fire on Monday night, which left a scene of devastation in the Folkestone-bound tunnel.

As three inquiries were launched into the incident which led to 19 people being treated in hospital, senior Eurotunnel executives said they hoped that services would back to normal within four weeks. But engineers thought the work would be measured in "months rather than weeks" Pages 1, 2, 3

Rwanda arms inquiry to report in weeks

■ Ministers ordered a speedy investigation into allegations that a British company sent weapons to the former Rwandan Government while its army was involved in genocide. Officials from six departments have been told to report on disclosures that Mil-Tec Corporation sent £3 million of arms ... Pages 1. 15

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Paintings bonfire

A struggling artist who could not pay the rent on his bed-sitter lost six years work when his landlord made a bonfire of his ... Page 5

Woman admits killing The killer of Rachael Lean wept

as she told how she stabbed the 18-year-old student to death on a woodland path. Maria Hnatiuk, 29, said the attack happened after her boyfriend said that Miss Lean "had to die"....Page 5

School does better

The bottom school in the national examination league tables was praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no pupil gained five highgrade GCSEs..... Page 7

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Albert Reynolds, the former Irish Prime Minister, is out of pocket to the tune of £1 million, despite winning a libel action against The Sunday Times.... ...Page 8

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Police are to be given comprehensive stop-and-search powers to combat the carrying of knives and possession of drugs on the streets, under plans announced by Michael Howard Page II

Currency defeat

The Government is today facing an embarrassing defeat over its attempt to sideline a crucial debate on steps towards a European single currency Page 12

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Simon Wiesenthal has appealed to German ministers not to close the Central Agency for investigating war crimes, which has helped to bring more than 6,000 people

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Germany closed a bloody postwar chapter by jailing a former Palestinian terrorist for the 1977 hijacking of a Lufthansa jet and the murder of its pilot Page 16 Grinning gunman

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The British will soon have the occasion to pronounce on whether they want the Euro or the pound. The Spanish should have that option too. While it is legitimate to be in favour of, or against, a single European currency, it is not right to duck a plebiscite on the issue. If the Euro is introduced without consulting the people of Europe, it will be born with a grave lack of legit-

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The most important boast that Kermeth Clarke can make when he presents his Budget, is that the problems he faces are the problems of success....

Nightmare scenario

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Row against the tide

The tentative agreement between Oxford and Cambridge to establish some ground rules for the recruitment of oarsmen is long Page 9 overdue.....

SIMON JENKINS

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League tables put auditors in charge of education. This quantification in turn distorts the character of the examination. Results must be standardised. Professional discretion must be minimised. The bureaucrat must control Page 20

ALAN COREN

If Mr Coren had someone to get him out of bed at 8.30, the someone could not only make him a cooked breakfast, porridge, boiled eggs, soldiers, but also drive him to the park, wait, and after his walk tell him it was now time to be a good boy and go to the loft and get on with his work PETER RIDDELL

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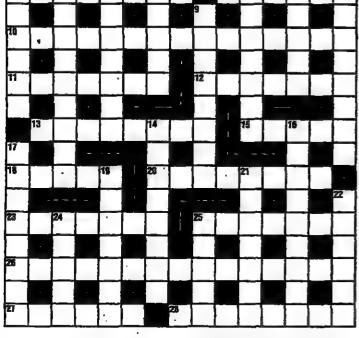
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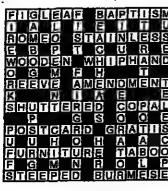
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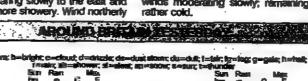
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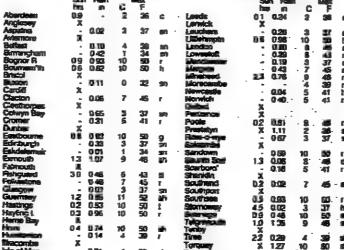
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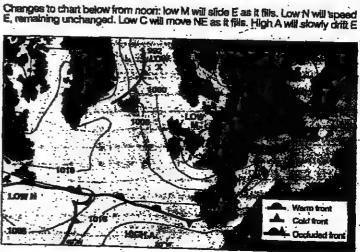


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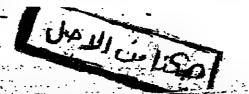
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20 1996

Taxman acted illegally over VAT refunds

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was yesterday told by a High Court judge that it has been acting illegally in a land-mark ruling that could lead to claims for overpaid valueadded tax costing the Treasury as much as £5 billion.

Mr Justice Keene said the Customs had, since July 18, unlawfully deserred paying out on legitimate claims for backdated VAT beyond a

He instructed Customs to make psyments immediately, totalling E3S million, in eight test cases involving groups as diverse as GUS, the home shopping group, the Federa-tion of Opticalmic and Dis-pensing Opticians and the Mercers Company of the City of London. Other similar claims of as much as £100 million are in the wheeling.

million are in the pipeline.

Tax experts said that the ruling could force a refrienk of proposals, to be included in the Finance Bill which accompanies the Budget, to introduce a three-year limit for repayments of VAT while ellowing Customs to go back

The law is planned to be etrospective, dating back to July 18 when it was announced in Parliament by David-Heathcoat-Amory, the then a Paymaster General, it will be debated as part of the Finance Bill and should become law in

the new year. However Mario Monti, the European Commissioner for . Compenition, has indicated he will investigate the law if it comes in, as it is widely believed to breach the European Commission's Sixth Directive on VAT. Since July 18, Customs has been refusing to pay agreed VAT refunds going back more than three years, arguing that it will only have to demand the money back after the law comes into force. It is that action which was ruled illegal by Mr Justice

Mr Heathcoat-Amory's action was prompted by a series of defeats for Customs in court ictions costing more than



claims relating to speciacles, -interest-free credit, company cars and money-off vouchers for consumer goods, some of which go as far back as the introduction of VAT in 1973. Estimates of the cost of all these claims have been put as high as £25 billion, although

most experts believe the total is no more than E5 billion. Penny Hamilton, a senior tax partner at Coopers &

Lybrand, the accountants,

said that taxpayers will fight the introduction of the three years rule, and are prepared to take it to the European Court of Justice if necessary. This is the first line drawn in the sand. Customs should be prepared for a very long

campaign."

Most European countries bave time limits on back claims for VAT. But the main objection to this law is the different limits applied to over-

payments and underpayments. Peter Jenkins, national VAT partner at Ernst & Young, the toms see how ridiculous this is getting and back down on the

VAT experts have also argued that the application of the law will cause bad feeling between Customs and business

people, who Customs heavily rely upon to collect VAT.

Valerie Strachan, chairman of the Commission of Customs & Excise, recently said she wanted to forge a parmership between the business community and Customs over the collection of VAT. Ms Hamilton at Coopers said: "If the taxpayer does not perceive tax collection as fair, this could break that relationship."

Last night Customs & Ex-cise said that all the money repaid under the ruling would be reclaimed as soon as the law came into force. "We are not about to hand big repayments to large corporations who often take the money as windfall profits and do not pass it on to the comsumer," said a spokesman.

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Sir Gerald Whent, Vodasone's chief executive, said the acquisition was defensive

Vodafone pockets **Peoples Phone**

VODAFONE, the largest mobile phone company, agreed yesterday to buy Peoples Phone for £77 million in a move to keep the service provider from unfriendly hands.

Sir Gerald Whent, Voda-fone's chief executive, said the acquisition was defensive because more than three-quarters of Peoples Phone's 400,000 customers are Vodafone users. "It was more valuable to us than to anyone else," he said.

The purchase price, in relative terms, is lower than the price paid by Vodafone for Talkland and far less than the E200 million flotation value placed on Peoples by its directors late last year. The flota-tion was cancelled in January after market share forecasts fell below internal forecasts.

Peoples has 181 high street shops, compared with Talk-land's 60. Vodafone said the two chains probably will not be merged because they cater for different customers. Peomarket, while Talkland focuses on higher-margin business

The acquisition came as Vodasone reported overseas mobile-phone operations, accounting for about one-sixth of turnover, in the black for the first time with £3 million year to the end of September, compared with an £18 million loss. This turnround and continued strong growth in the domestic market helped to boost pre-tax profits by 21 per cent. to £252 million, on turnover of £772 million, up lo per cent. The interim dividend. paid on February 12, rises 20 per cent to 2.36p.

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London shares surge on bid talk

surged 28 2 p to 665p because Entergy, the New Orleans utility was tipped to launch a bid. Entergy operates around the world and in severai American states. Last night it refused to comment on market rumour. The company has previously denied a move on Yorkshire but has admitted talking to UK regional companies.

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sold for record

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GRANADA began its great hotel self-off. with the disposal of the stigious Hyde Park Hotel in London for the equivalent of £465,000 a room — the most expensive price ever paid for a hotel business in

The hotel is being bought by Mandarin Oriental International, the Hong Kong based hotel group controlled by Jardine Matheson, for a total of £86 million.

Over the next two months. Granada is expected to dispose of a further 16 hotels acquired as part of the Exclusive chain following the £3.9 billion takeover of Forte at the beginning of the

The City expects Granada to raise between £800 million and £900 million from the disposals.

Mandarin is paying cash for the hord, which had a book value of £71 million. It intends to rename the premises the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park and will need to invest substantial sums in upgrading back-ofhouse facilities to enhance its 89212 p.

yesterday value. Mandarin has been keen to return to the London market since it lost its contract to manage the Ritz after Trafalgar House, now owned by Kvaerner, sold the company to the Barclay Brothers for £75 million in October

> The Hyde Park has a total of 185 rooms, as well as conference and banqueting facilities. It is also the site of the famous Marco Pierre White restaurant. Last year it made an operating profit of £4.7 million on a turnover of £15.3 million.

The Hyde Park was built in 1892 as a gentlemen's club but was converted to a hotel around the turn of the century. Prince Jefri of Brunei is believed to lead the hunt for the Granada-owned George V in Paris, while Chelsfield, the property group, is favourite to take control of the Westbury, in Conduit Street, London and

its sister hotel in New York. Granada will also unveil its full-year results today with analysts predicting a £100 million rise in profits to about £460 million. Shares in the company closed down 212p at

Hyde Park Hotel Good causes lose out on £110m as lottery sales slip

By Jon Ashworth

TUMBLING lottery sales cost good causes more than £110 million this year, according to the latest financial snapshot from Camelot, the lottery operator. Sales of Instants fell to £419 million in the six months to September 14, compared with £871 million in the same period last year.

Online ticket sales showed a slight increase, rising to £1.67 billion, but overall sales slipped from £2.5 billion to just under £2.1 billion. Camelot said that the decline in sales of Instants was in line with experience overseas.

The first midweek National Lonery draw will take place on February 5. Camelot said the move could boost online lottery ticket sales by up to 20 per cent, although there are concerns that Instants could suffer a further decline.

Instants' sales have flattened out at £17 million a week. Sales for the weekly draw have settled at £69 million. Lucky Dip, in which numbers are computer-selected at random, now accounts for 12 per cent of sales. Camelor made £20.8 million in profits after tax during the six

months, down from £23.6 million. Overall net profits since launch have reached

A further £10 million in dividends has been paid to Camelot's shareholders, including GTech, the controversial American lottery operator. Camelot has put £5 million into a charitable foundation. Separately, it has given more than £1.57 million to charity in the past two years, making it one of the UK's biggest corpo-

Tim Holley, Camelot's chief executive, said that 30 million



Holley: 30 million players

people a week were now playing the lottery on a regu-lar basis. The lottery has proved a boon to independent about £5,000 a year in commission, along with an increase in trade, independents are responsible for about half

of all lottery sales.

Mr Holley said Camelot's network of terminals should be fully in place by the end of the year. Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, has criticised Camelot for falling behind on its installation deadlines. Peter Murphy, Camelot's finance director, said the lottery licence allowed for some slippage. Camelot faces penalties of £1 million for every 100 terminals missed, if it misses all its targets in any one

Camelot has set up an dvisory company, Camelot International Services, to advise on lotteries overseas. The venture is at an early stage.

The lottery has raised £2.5 billion for good causes, and £1.2 billion in tax, since its debut in November 1994.

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BankAmerica offers staff share options

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BANKAMERICA Corporation is to offer share options to \$5,000 bull-time and part-time employees worldwide. The move by Bank of America, one of America's largest banks, puts pressure

pay for top executives who have

on other large companies to put more shares in the hands of their workers. The science may also go some way to alleviating the criticism of souring after the announcement in San Fran-

benefited from handsome share option schemes during the recent rise in stock markets, raising accessations that bosses have henefited at the expense of their workforces. Employees of Bank of America, from tellers up to senior executives, will be allowed to purchase between 50 and 90 shares in BankAmerica Corporation, the bank's holding company, every six months over the next three years. BankAmerica shares rose 25 to 985 s

ontions must be exercised after three years but before five at a price of 951s. Mr Coulter said: "Beginning today, tellers, teleservice representatives, loan officers, indeed most of our employees, have a greater stake in the future of our company." The bank employs 92,700 worldwide and 1,500 Bank of America employees in Britain will be among the beneficiaries.

Mr Coulter added: "This will in-

cisco by David Coulter, chairman and crease our shareholder value by chief executive of the bank. The motivating our workforce to think and act like owners." He said it would focus attention on the company's share price as the key measure of Bank of America's performance. Many banks have offered generous

share option packages to senior executives, and a few have offered occasional one-off option plans to employees. The move is part of an attempt to boost the bank's performance in the competitive US financial services market.

BAe targets German

weapons firm stake

BRITISH AEROSPACE is negotiating the purchase of a substantial shareholding in STN Atlas Electronik, the

German supplier of defence electronics. STN, which makes

torpedoes and weapons control systems as well as marine

electronics, including sonar and radars, is a subsidiary of the collapsed Vulkan shipyard in Bremen. Bac has entered into talks with the Bremer Vulkan receiver and is

considering a joint bid in partnership with Mannesmann or Rheinmetall.

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BAe said yesterday: "The discussions are intended to determine the opportunities that might exist for British Aerospace in collaboration with German partners to

pursue its strategy of expanding its naval system integration activities." Analysts said BAe's move had more to do with an expansion of its shipping activities than with a general drive towards integration in the European defence industry.

Legislation outlined in Green Paper dismissed as unnecessary

Business cool on plans to curb strikes

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS LEADERS gave a cool response yesterday to the Government's new proposals aimed at curbing strikes, arguing that employee relations in Britain are largely satisfactory and any further legisla-

rive moves are unnecessary. Industry's view is that the new measures outlined in the Government's Green Paper on industrial relations are primarily an electoral move rather than any serious soundings among member

suggestions for immediate leg-islation. Some suggest they will worsen rather than improve UK employee relations.

The main reform proposed in Industrial Action and the Trade Unions is that strikes and industrial action judged by the courts to be "excessive or disproportionate" would lose their immunity from civil action, opening the way for unions to be sued by employ-ers, businesses or individuals affected by the action.

CBI leaders said that initial

companies "suggest there is doubt about whether they are workable". The key terms "excessive" and "disproportionate" would need to be properly defined, it said.

Company directors said the Green Paper's main measure was "impracticable". Ruth Lea, policy head at the Institute of Directors, which will set out its own pre-election business manifesto today. said: "We take the view that this will simply be a field day for lawyers. The balance of legislation is about right now."

Britain's managers said the Government was "over-reacting" to strikes in the Post Office and London Underground. Roger Young, Insti-tute of Management directorgeneral said: "Managers believe this legislation will only serve to exacerbate indus-trial disputes, not help to find

David Yeandle, head of employment affairs at the Engineering Employers Federation. said that the proposal on proportionality was "fraught with difficulty over definition", and

would lead to uncertainty among employers. In the Commons, the Prime

Minister said that, in the private sector, strikes were now at 4 per cent of their level in 1979, and added: "I believe in the public sector people deserve the same protection against strikes that they now creasingly have elsewhere.

Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, launched the Green Paper with an attack on virus of crude strike action" last summer. But he

pick a fight with the unions What we are trying to do is prevent the unions picking a fight with the public."

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said the paper as "a gimmick in the run-up to the election. But there is no union card to play, and no votes in this Green Paper."

Other measures confirmed by Mr Lang include doubling to 14 days the notice period before strikes, and raising the threshold in ballots from a majority of those voting to a majority of those entitled to vote.

Labour to instigate new type

A LABOUR government would create a new type of pension scheme aimed at providing a retirement income higher than a typical personal pension, a conference will be told today. John Denham, the Shadow Pensions Minister, said Labour's proposal "will bring security in retirement within the reach of many who are denied it today". Mr Denham and Harriet

present State Earnings Related. Pension Scheme (Serps) and replacing it with compulsory

private pensions for all. Labour's proposal, called a "stakeholder pension", would be simed at people who do not multi-employer and multi-member - they will have low

overheads, says Labour.
Mr Denham said that such a

of pension

Harman, the Shadow Secre-tary for Social Security, will address a one-day pensions conference in London today. The announcement of more details of the party's idea comes at a time of much political debate on pensions. Last week it was reported that plans to require all working people to take out private pensions are being considered by ministers for inclusion in the Conservative election manifesto. This would involve scrapping the

have the opportunity to join an occupational pension scheme and whose only choice is currently between Serps or taking out a personal pension. The stakeholder pension basic state pension. It is based on the investment of contributions into collective schemes. Because they are collective -

scheme "offers improved benefits at all ages and all levels of earnings, for both men and women, compared with a typical personal pension". Labour says that people who contribute until retirement could be looking at pensions between 15 and 37 per cent higher than those received from a personal

Opposition water plan LABOUR yesterday stepped up its attack on the water industry, publishing targets it aims to enforce if the party forms the next government. Condemning water companies for "repeatedly polluting the environment... making record profits on the back of falling investment and... failing to look after the interests of local people". Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, contined transfer controls for under community. They include: outlined tougher controls for water companies. They include setting leakage targets; making water companies offer free efficiency audits for households; tougher fines for pollution; and

Rothschild appointment NM ROTHSCHILD & Sons, the investment bank, has been appointed by the Department for Education and Employment to advise on the possible sale of part of the £2 billion student loan portfolio. The portfolio, which consists of some 1.3 million individual loan accounts administered by the Student Loans Company, could be securitised by bundling up a series of different loans into a package. Rothschilds said that it might follow the well-

an audit of the country's water mains and sewers.

established American market practice where student loans are sold to investors as Sallie Mae securities. Setback for Whitecroft

WHITECROFT, the building and lighting business, suffered a 21 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £3.4 million to £2.71 million in the six months to September 30. The company said that trading conditions had been difficult, although it was now confident of an improvement. Earnings dropped to 4.4p from 6p per share. The interim dividend, due to be paid on January 27, is held at 1.75p. Sales of £74 million. compared with £68.8 million. Operating profits in the specialist materials division were adversely affected by a fire at one of the plants.

Bett Brothers slips

BETT BROTHERS, the housebuilding and property group based in Scotland, saw tight margins in new homes contribute to a decline in pre-tax profits to £5.02 million from £5.56 million in the year to August 31 in spite of a 14-per cent rise in sales to £38.3 million. The company said it is confident that the housing recovery being felt in parts of England would soon work its way up to Scotland. A tax rebate allowed earnings to grow from 28.8p per share to 33.3p. A final dividend of 3.85p, due January 13, leaves a year total of 5.6p, up from 5.4p.

Sinclair Montrose deal

SINCLAIR Montrose Healthcare, the medical services group, has bought Personnel Operations, a bureau supplying operating theatre assistants, for £1.4 million. Sinclair Montrose, which supplies temporary mursing staff, said it intends to capitalise from cross-selling between the two markets, and expects to make cost savings. It is paying £600,000 in cash, providing a further £400,000 in shares and £400,000 in loan

INTERNATIONAL CableTelr the American-controlled cable company, and Virgin Communications, part of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, yesterday launched Virgin Net, an Internet service provider they said was designed for easy use by consumers. The service will cost £10 a month and will pro-

AZLAN, the distributor of network computing products and services, has agreed to buy Akam International, computer consultancy in The Netherlands, for up to £29.6 million. It is funding the acquisition with a 3-for-10 rights issue to raise £48.5 million, with the balance of the proceeds being used to reduce the company's £12.3 million of borrowings. Azlan lifted pre-tax profits to £6 million from £4 million in the six

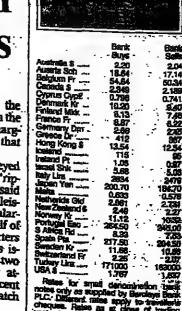
MANSFIELD BREWERY achieved an II per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £10.5 million in the half year to September 28, helped by a 17.5 per cent profits increase in the managed house division. The brewery division's share of the regional beer market grew to 8.4 per cent. Sir David White, chairman, said the overall outlook remains positive and the group is considering acquisition opportunities. The interim dividend was raised 23.5 per cent to 2.1p a share, payable on December 20 from earnings of 11.6p a share, up 12.2 per cent.

Football yobs worry fewer fans than 'rip-off' charges

SPIRALLING admission costs, frequent changes of kit and overpriced catering are more of a deterrent to football supporters than hooliganism, a survey by Mintel, the con-

sumer research group, found. A third of supporters surveyed felt they were being "ripped off by their clubs, while only lo per cent felt that violence at matches was a problem. Ticket prices at Premiership games have soared in recent years, despite a growth in the game's popularity which has pushed up attendances and TV summer Wembley was charging El for a Mars Bar that retails in shops for 45p.

believed that clubs are 'ripping off supporters, said Chris Butcher, Mintel's leis-



BOC confident of revival in healthcare

BOC GROUP, the industrial gases company, yesterday mounted a strong defence of its healthcare business, often criticised and seen as a disposal candidate by the City.

Danny Rosenkranz, who became BOC's chief executive ten months ago, said he did not intend to sell Ohmeda. whose profits fell again last year to £53.1 million from £59.8 million. He spelt out a series of new products, including anaesthetic drugs, that BOC believes will revive Ohmeda's fortunes.

The upbeat message on healthcare, combined with full-year profits at the top end of forecasts, prompted a 445 p rise in BOC's share price to 880'2 p. The shares had fallen heavily since July.

BOC's pre-tax profits rose il per cent to £444.9 million, on sales that rose 7 per cent to just over £4 billion. The main gases business increased operating profits 9 per cent to £408.3 million, in spite of the strong pound cutting into the fourth quarter results. With another strong performance from Edwards, the vacuum pump business, total operating profits reached £539.4 million (£496.4 million).

Ohmeda has been struggling to replace lost profits anaesthetic gas that has suf-

fered severe price falls in the face of generic competition. Forane made £20 million last year, compared with £123 million four years ago. In gases, BOC achieved "well above-average growth" in the Americas and the South

Pacific. It also made good improvements in Europe, Southern Africa and the North Pacific. BOC is investing heavily in new on-site gas plants for big customers. This accounts for much of the group's £708 million of capital spending last year. In the US, where BOC has lagged its competitors on on-site plants, its investment will more than double the capacity from such plants to about 17,000 tonnes per day.

The vacuum technology and distribution services division, including Edwards, improved profits 28 per cent to £90.3 million. Edwards, whose pumps are used in making computer chips, has been hit by slowdown in the semiconductor industry. Although the impact is hard to gauge, Mr Rosenkranz said Edwards's profits will fall this year.

BOC said it will pay a dividend of 29p a share for the year to next September, a 7.4 per cent rise. The first instal-ment of 14.5p will be paid on

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Tony Isaac, BOC finance director, and Danny Rosenkranz saw profits rise II per cent

Call for safeguard over pre-paid burials

BY A CORRESPONDENT

GRIEVING families could be left to meet burial costs of relatives who have pre-paid for their own funerals, the National Consumer Council says. The council is urging the Government to introduce legislation to protect often elderly and sick people who hope to carry the financial burden.

from normal rules governing insurance and financial services. They can also indulge in high-pressure marketing techniques, such as canvassing nursing homes to drum up new business, the watch-

It is estimated there have

Cowboy operators are able to exploit legal loopholes, which mean they are exempt costing more than £1,000 each nerals account for 15 per cent

and accounting for 2 per cent of the burial market. This figure is expected to quadruple over the next few years. following a similar pattern in America where pre-paid fu-

of burials. Past cases have seen companies simply disappear overnight, leaving people with no burial cover and forcing reputable firms to step in.

Two voluntary codes of practice govern the industry and the Department of Trade and Industry is consulting on the issue after growing concern over regulation.

David Hatch, the Consumer Council chairman, said:

"People who buy pre-paid funerals believe they can help lift the burden and worry of these arrangements from their families.

"There must be strong regulation to ensure that consumers get the service they have paid for and their families are not hassled for any extra financial costs. They will be suffering enough."

Visitors and profits soar at Euro Disney

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Disneyland, in France, last year; an increase of one million, helping to lift profits at Euro Disney, operator of the theme park, 77 per cent to Fr202 million in the year to September 30.

Philippe Bourguignon, chairman and chief executive of Euro Disney, yesterday said: "We are proud of what has been accomplished in a difficult economic environment, particularly for the tourism industry."

However, M Bourguignon added: "Persistent weakness in the economy, constant pressure on our prices and the

A RECORD 11.7 million strong increase in financial people visited Euro charges constitute several real charges constitute several real challenges for the future, par-ticularly in 1997."

Hotel occupancy rates rose from 68 per cent to 72 per cent. and theme park and resort revenues rose 9 per cent to nearly Fr5 billion as a slight increase in guest spending on food and merchandise offset reduced park entry prices in

The company said that 30 per cent of visitors had already been to Euro Disneyland at least once. Investment in new facilities is continuing with a multiplex cinema and a secunder construction.

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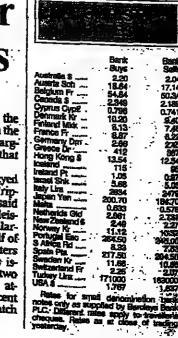
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notes. Its shares, placed on the Alternative Investment Market in June at 140p, were unchanged yesterday at 178p.

Virgin Net launched

vide access to 3,000 web pages selected by Virgin, as well as the World Wide Web. Virgin Net will dispense with the "tricky graphics" that eat up memory and slow down searches. Mr Branson expects to have 20,000 subscribers by the year-end.

Purchase for Azlan

months to October 4. Earnings were 15p a share (13.6p) and an interim dividend of 1.3p (1.2p) is due on January 31.

Mansfield toasts 11% rise

By JASON NIESE

are wondering whether they may have to cut admission prices when games are televised on a pay-per-view basis. Clubs now have up to three

team kits and change each of them every two years. Sup-porters who buy replica kits have to pay up to £35 for each shirt alone, to keep up with the latest strip. In the past three years Manchester United has had two red kits, a million people regularly atwhite, a grey, a black and a tend matches and 48 per cent yellow and green kit. Food is

also becoming more expen- football on TV.

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☐ One rule for the State, another for taxpayers ☐ Where now for the National Lottery? ☐ Another US power buyer lurks

□ IN July 1974 an Epping housewife cut out a money-saving voucher on a washing powder packet and took it to her local branch of Fine Fare to claim a discount. From such small beginnings do mighty events grow. As she was deemed to have paid the full price, a new-fangled tax called VAT was levied on the whole transaction and this VAT was passed to Customs & Excise

was passed to customs of Excessive the supermarket.

More than 20 years later the courts found that the money-off voucher should not have attracted VAT, in a case brought by the mamufacturer of the washing powder claiming back two de-cades-worth of overpaid tax. Concerned that this and other claims were about the bankrupt the Treasury, the then Pay-master General, David Heathcoat-Amory, stood up in Parliament on July 18 and told a mixed bunch including Unilever, Great Universal Stores and the Royal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists that they would only get three years repayment of overpaid VAT. even though Customs could go after under-taxed VAT-payers

for six years' payments. The problem was that Mr Heathcoat-Amory said this time limit would be brought in retrospectively in the Budget. Since then the rule has been

Fair treatment, and VAT's that

certainly is not Customs claims benefit to the consumer. Time this makes sense, as all they would be doing it making repayments only to claim them back. The courts yesterday decided that Customs was acting illegally. Give these people their money back and then see whether the rule becomes law.

Barring a last-minute change of heart, the cut-off rule will be in the Budget. It will be debated in the Commons next month and at Should it survive, the rule will be go to the European Commis-sioners to see if it breaches their VAT rules. And if it passes that test, it will be challenged at the European Court,

Pass on, for a moment,

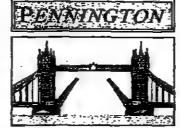
whether the European courts have any right to strike out tax-raising legislation duly passed by national Parliament. The whole argument is pointless. No one in their right mind thinks some massive company like Unilever should get a multi-million-pound VAT refund just because it has kept records back to the year dot. Nor does anyone expect the manufacturer, duly reimbursed, to pass on the

limits on VAT repayments make sense, and almost all other EC states have them.

But the Government has a duty to act fairly. It cannot apply one rule to the state and another to the taxpayer. And unless it changes that four to five-year cycle of company visits by VAT inspectors, it cannot bring in a unilateral three-year rule. The solution is clearly to bring in a six-year time limit for both repayments and claims. The new Paymaster General, David Wil-letts, could win a few friends by such a move. Heaven knows, he

Have a bet on overseas expansion

THE National Lottery those of us who have loathed it since the outset two years ago must at last admit — has become national institution. Like the Queen Mother and the Grand National, the lottery is probably now beyond rational criticism, therefore, whatever private misgivings some may still hold.



be regarded as a utility. Utilities can be defined as dull businesses with static revenues where the main concern of management is what can go wrong in future. The lottery's revenues are static enough. Headline turnover in the first half of the financial year may be down, but this is a false compari-

son with the high but unsustainable initial sales of Instants scratchcards in the previous summer. The company's own projections say this dip will be made up by the boost from having a twice-weekly online draw from February. If so, revenues can be expected to run at somewhere approaching £5 billion a year. But it is not clear

how they can be raised further.

As to what can go wrong, there are three main possibilities. The computers could foul up, so bringing the institution into public discounts. Unlikely the country of the lic disrepute. Unlikely — they have not failed to any significant extent yet. The public could lose interest - again unlikely; revenues have remained remarkably unchanged week on week, at least from the online draw,

raises the jackpot. The rules could be changed to allow bets on the lottery numbers at the bookies, so-called side-betting, but the Government has so far shown no inclination to adjust the odds in favour of other sectors of the gaming industry. Further expansion has to be overseas. Camelot runs the most efficient such operation in the world - just - in terms of the 43

and any dips tend to be self-

correcting once a rollover week

per cent of total take going to Government and good causes. There is scope for the company to step in and run less efficient lotteries, especially those now depressing thought that the

Waiting for Lang's sign

☐ SO MUCH for the theory that sterling's four-year high against the dollar would discourage yet more Americans from buying into our electricity industry. The CalEnergy bid for Northern Electric will now cost the company 4 per cent more than when it was first launched because of the dollar's depreciation, which may explain why the expected higher offer has yet to materialise. The Americans are more likely waiting to see whether they will be thrown to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But yesterday yet another potential US buyer emerged, for London Electricity.

The indications are that Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, will now choose to rule simultaneously on both Northern and the second actual bid in the sector, for East Midlands.

Their respective share prices, at least, suggest both will be re-ferred. It is doubtful whether the pace of events will allow him to take in a ruling on London as well, if needed. Something called Entergy of New Orleans is supposed to be in talks with the board of London. The Americans, who have denied an earlier reported interest in Yorkshire. another of the three independents as yet unbid for, have not denied the latest story. London has nothing to say either. The assumption must be that they are indeed talking. London shares rose by 282p to 665p yesterday, against a reported bid price of £7.

This all has an eerie ring of familiarity about it. CalEnergy was originally supposed to be talking around the E7 mark with Northern. Dominion of Virginia, bidding for East Midlands, broke cover after the Americans apparently tired of the lack of progress in private talks, then reaching an agreed deal. But this led to some burnt fingers, because Dominion had said it would not pay much more than 608p, which encouraged some investors to sell, and then came in at 670p. The City Takeover Panel has been heavily criticised as a result. The Panel must ensure there is no repetition of this, by asking the Americans to clarify their intentions forthwith.

e Upbeat EMI strikes a chord in City

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

EMI GROUP sought to dispel some of the gloom in the record industry as the demerged music company unveiled a 9.4 per cent rise in half-year profits to £112.5 mil-lion before tax and exceptional

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, said much of the negative comment about the industry, which followed a series of poor results from international companies, had been overstated.

He added that worldwide growth in record sales, ignorng currency fluctuations, had: Cent this year and EMI expected growth of between 6 and 8 per cent in the medium term.

EMI's shares rose 2340 to £12.945 as the City warmed to its unheat messar

The music division increased operating profits by 6 per cent to E132 million on that sales of £1.09 billion. Seven albums sold more than one million copies, with George Michael's Older, the top selling album. selling four million.

The US communed to prove the most difficult market, with profits at \$7.5 million, compared with £8 million, but EMI said the retailing problems that had hit sales were being resolved. In contrast, the company enjoyed good

growth in the UK, Japan, South-East Asia and Latin America. The company is also establishing new operations in China and Indonesia.

EMI is pluning it hopes in the important pre-Christmas period on new releases from Spice Girls, the artist formerly known as Prince and the third Beatles' anthology. The company conceded that its thirdquarter release schedule is weaker than last year al though it believes the fourth quarter, which will see releases from Blur. Supergrass. Simple Minds and Robbie iliams, should compensat

EMI's music publishing division increased profits by just over 10 per cent and now contributes about 25 per cent of music division profits. HMV, the music retail business, incurred an operating loss of £11 million on increase sales of £360 million, a rise of 17 per cent. Dillons, the bookstore, lifted sales by 7.3 per cent and the company said it should make a small profit over the full year. EMI added it was installing an improved accounting system for the

The dividend rises by 13 per cent to Sp, payable on March

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De La Rue slips at half time

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BY OUVER AUGUST

DE LA RUE, the printer of banknotes, saw pre-tax profit slide further from £69 million to £60 million in the six months to September 30.

Purchasing prices for banknotes are under continuing pressure as De La Rue's oreign competitors step up their efforts to attack its position as market leader.

Jeremy Marshall, the chief executive, said: "As previously stated, trading conditions were extremely tough at the start of the year. The halfyear's profits reflect this. As the year progresses, however, there are signs that banknote pricing is stabilising.

He said results for the second half would depend on new orders over the next four months, while the cash systems division had seen the benefits of a reorganisation last year and from new products coming to the market.

Earnings per share were 19.7p (23.1p) and the interior dividend is 7.5p (7.25p).

Tempus, page 30 | trading statement in January.

Shares fall at Country Casuals -

By Sarah Cunningham

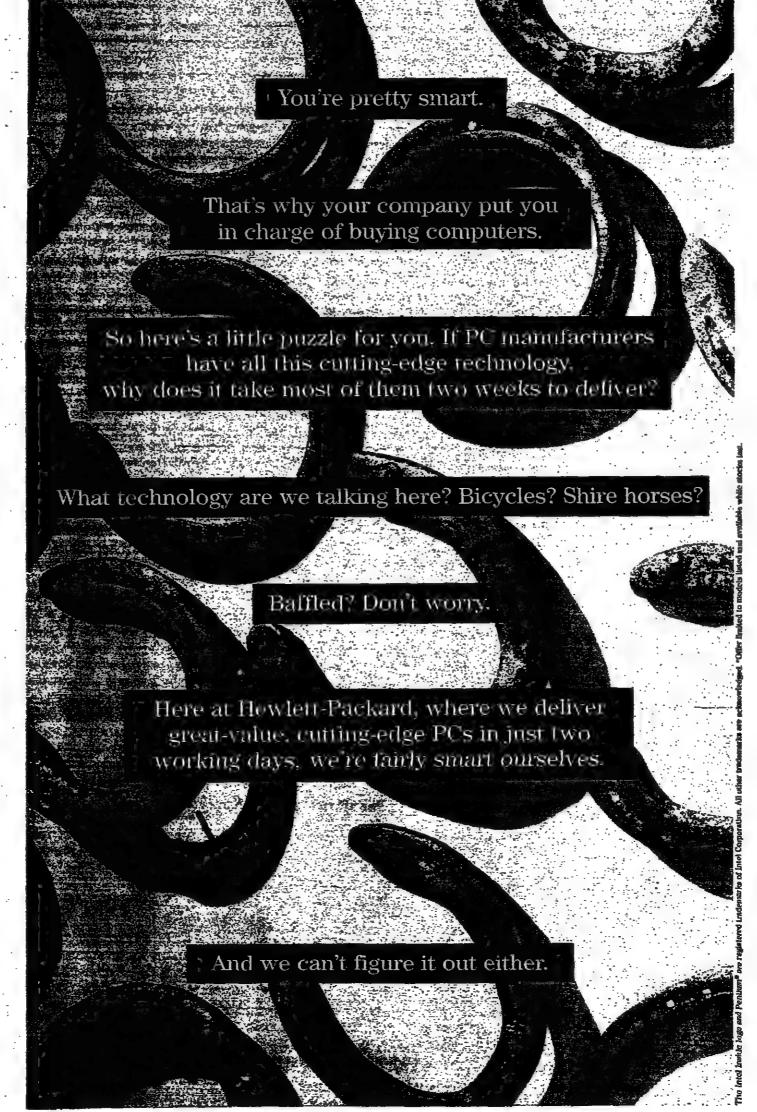
COUNTRY CASUALS shares lost more than a third of their value yesterday after the women's clothing company gave warning of a "significant deterioration in group trad-ing" and said it would not pay a final dividend.

It said pre-tax profits for the year to January 25 would be materially below analysis forecasts, which were in the £21 million to £24 million range, but not less than £1 million. Its shares plunged 36p to 64p, a record low.

The worst performer within the group has been Lerose Manufacturing, which is reporting monthly losses. Lerose, which has factories in Birmingham and Glasgov employs about 400 people and supplies many high street retailers.

The company said it was reviewing all options in order to rectify matters". Last month it reported half-time pre-tax losses of £918,000 but opted to pay an interim dividend of 1.7p. It is due to make its next

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Damage to Tunnel link boosts P&O shares

operator, were building up a full head of steam with a rise of 9p to 6062p as the full extent of the damage to the

Channel link began to emerge. Eurotunnel finished the session 34p lower at 88p as inquiries into the fire got under way on both sides of the Channel. The damage caused was described as severe and will take an "indefinite period of time" to repair although single-line services are expected to be resumed quickly.

But last night City brokers were trying to asses the damage to much-needed revenue for Eurotunnel, which is still trying to reach agreement with a consortium of more than 200 banks over its near £9 billion of debt.

In the meantime, brokers expect P&O, the biggest of the cross-channel ferry operators, to take full advantage of the setback to the link.

Eurotunnel and the ferry operators have been locked in a fierce battle for control of the lucrative Dover-Calais route. Eurotunnel has been gleaning market share from them and eating into their margins.

The rest of the equity market recovered some early losses on the back of another firm performance by the giltedged market. The absence of positive performance by Wall Street overnight saw the FT-SE 100 index fall eight points in early trading before rallying to close just below its best of the day. It ended 16 points up at 3,978.1.

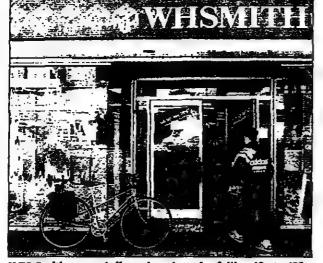
Again trading conditions were thin, with fewer than 700 million shares changing hands. Investors appear reluctant to open fresh positions before next week's Budget.

Speculative buying was di-rected at London Electricity. with the price climbing 284p to 665p on reports in the American press that Entergy. the US power generator, was ready to offer 700p a share. Brokers in London said any offer would have to be at a substantial premium to last

The old bid stories continued to swirl round Zeneca as the price rose 41½p to £16.97½ on turnover of almost two million shares. A bid from mainland Europe or the US seems to be the favourite theory.

Better than expected halfyear figures lifted Vodafone 104p to 254p. It also cheered brokers by confirming it had bought Peoples Phone for £77

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WH Smith was a dull market, the price falling 13p to 428p

million; less than originaly expected. Orange rose llp to 18lp in sympathy.

WH Smith was a dull market, losing 13p to 428p after some cautious comments about future earnings growth. Norcros advanced 4p to 93p after making a welcome re-

The shares responded with a rise of 234p to £12.944p. Unigate firmed 2p to 432p after almost unchanged prof-

ing from a notional 7.1p to 8p.

its. Most brokers had been looking for a small downturn. Granada slipped 2hp to 8924p after the sale for £86 turn to the dividend list, while million of the Hyde Park Hotel, which it acquired along the absence of any further bad news with last year's profits with the rest of the Forte

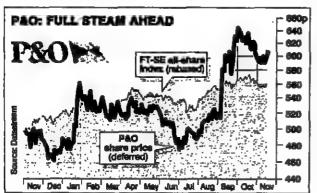
where the price crept back up a further 24p to 224p on revived speculative buying. Alan Sugar is on the Betacom board and Amstrad continues to hold a 66 per cent interest. Once again there is talk of a minority bid at around the 30p a share level.

tickled BOC Group 442p higher at 880 2 p. Half-year figures from De La Rue were much in line with expectations. The share price touched 5772p at one stage before losing ground to

close just 34 p dearer at 5584 p. Maiden half-year figures from the newly demerged EMI were warmly received. Profits were almost 10 per cent ahead, with the dividend ris-

COMMODITIES

company earlier this year. Porvair tumbled 572p to 2072 p on the back of its second profits warning this year. That compares with their high for the year of 431p. The expected pick-up in business that had been anticipated before the year-end had failed to materialise. Beeson Gregory, the broker, is looking for a pre-tax profit figure of £4.2



but has downgraded its esti-mate for 1997 from £9 million

A profits warning knocked Country Casuais, the clothing retailer, with the price plung ing 36p to 64p after it reported a significant deterioration in trading since announcing interim figures last month.

Profits for the year to Janu ary 25 are now expected to be materially below market estimates of £2.4 million but not less than El million. The company blamed problems at Elvi, which had not been able to sustain the growth seen in

Enterprise Inns seemed unperturbed by the setback to profits in the first half, with the price up 12p at 250½p on speculation that it might be poised to bid for some pubs owned by Bass. It was sug-gested the Government might insist on Bass disposing of some pubs before allowing the Carlsberg-Tetley deal to go through. Last night Enterprise denied plans to buy any pubs

from Bass, up 7p to 797p.

Druid Group made an encouraging debut, establishing a useful premium in firsttime trading. Shares in the intergrated information and technology systems specialist the company at E63 million. They started life at 287's p and toucked a high for the day of 298½p before closing at 285½p, a premium of 10½p.

News of a bid approach lifted RPT Management Services, the property specialist, 15p to 1132p. At these levels the group is capitalised at about £7.5 million.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The bond market showed signs of run-ning out of steam after a firm start, with investors taking a cautious line before today's money supply figures. Few seem willing to commit themselves in spite of taking an increasingly optimistic view of the Chancellor's scope to be

more generous in the Budget. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt of 63,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000

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INEW YORK: US stocks were higher midway through the session, aided by strength in bonds. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 34.66 points to 6,381.57.

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printing banknotes for more than a century and has amassed a 60 per cent share of a market that earned the company a generous £76 million in its last full year. But in the year to March, De La Rue will do nothing like as well and the reasons are clear for all to see. The banknote market has peaked, margins are under pressure and rivals, supported by fat contracts from European central banks. are stealing De La Rue's business.

The printing group warned of difficulties a year ago — volumes had been soaring on the strength of new currencies spawned in the emerging post-Soviet republics. That cycle has passed and De La Rue is now forced to sell hi-tech banknotes for low-tech prices as it fends off German competition, causing profit

CURIOUS but true: making money is not a margins to slip from 26 per cent to 21 per cent great business to be in. De La Rue has been of sales. De La Rue is left with plenty of margin to make a comfortable living but, of course, that is part of the problem.

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Such high margins and market share are an invitation to interlopers. De La Rue's main German competitor is said to be less efficient, earning single digit margins but is backed by a lux-urious Bundesbank contract. Over the next few years. De La Rue could see its returns squeezed further. Elsewhere, De La Rue is catching up. spending heavily to turn around its cash systems business and develop smartcard tech-nology. New products are said to be on the way but De La Rue's customers have yet to reward its investment in cash systems with big contracts. The bulk of the business remains banknotes and if De La Rue shares seem cheap, it is because paper money is not a good investment.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL is dead, chorused the pundits only a few weeks ago after a disappointing set of results from Polygram. The replacement of old vinyl recordings with compact discs is coming to an end and the cost of launching new acts is accelerating. Crit ics specred that new artists are not good enough to last a eason, let alone make the backlists of companies such as EMI, which still profits from a library that boasts the

Figures from EMI suggest the gloom is overdone. Overall, sterling sales look flat. but there is some improvement before currency translation. Moreover, EMI estimates that the world market grew 5.5 per cent this year. And it is adament that growth will continue at the rate of 6 to 8 per cent in the medium term.

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VODAPONE is the only mobile-phone group with significant overseas operations. It began to gobble up international licences in the late 1980s and now boasts a portfolio stretching from Sweden to South Africa. However, heavy start-up costs, operating losses, prob-lems with foreign partners and cultural barriers, were all reflected in the volatile

But Vodafone is now seeing winnings from its foreign gamble. Many of these ventures are either in profit or close to it, and the portfolio as first time. For shareholders, this has a double benefit. With foreign gains now outstripping domestic growth by a wide margin, Vodafone still has the potential for strong earnings growth. A further bonus is the prospect of rising dividends. Capital ex-penditure has reached £700 million a year and Vodafone

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Standard Life springs a leak

IT'S all hands on deck at Standard Life, after the assurance company's luxary cruise competition sprung a leak.

Seduced by pictures of

palm trees and azure skies in the company's quarterly newsletter, customers were invited to complete a crossword and win a "superb two-week cruise to the Caribbean for two people on the Cunard Countess". But the Cunard Countess is no more: Kvaerner sold it to an Indonesian company at the end of last month. Sibbald Travel, the Edinburgh-based operators, omitted to tell Standard Life. "We will be offering an equally prestigious prize instead," a somewhatabashed spokeswoman told us.

Toytown Ferrari

AN advertising agent is raffling his red Ferrari at £10 a ticket to raise money for Children In Need: David Desborough, who bid £1,000 for the childsized sports car at a charity auction ten years ago, is happy to see the back of it. it has not moved from the garden shed - I didn't even taken it out of its box," he says, adding that his memories of the actual night remain vague, Even Desborough's children were not allowed take a look at his new wheels. So, on Friday, Michael Bright, classic car enthusiast and chief executive at Independent insurance, will raffle the Ferrari at the London Underwriting Centre.



"Too many forgeries about if you ask me"

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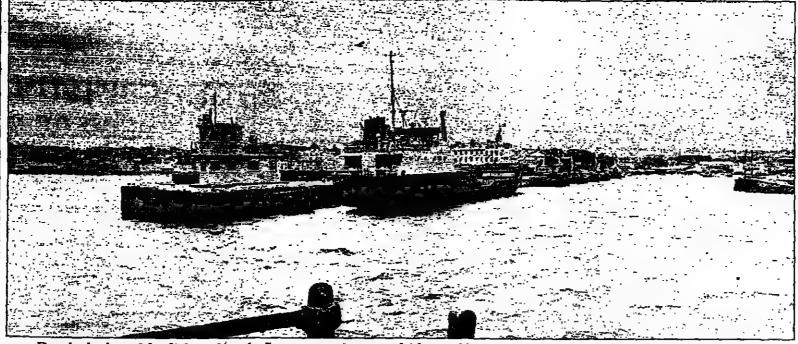
EVER wanted to watch your colleagues make their way to work on a boat emblazoned with your name. White Horse Ferries, the marine transport company launching a 60seat ferry service between London Bridge and Canary Wharf next Monday, could hold the key. The company, owned by four brothers, wants to set up and operate a 14-fleet service in time for the millennium. Having already splashed out £1.6 million on the project, the brothers are inviting City tycoons the chance to participate in a profit-share arrangement. A ferry will cost around £250,000 and the initial return on investment will be shielded from tax by capital depreciation of the vessel. Investors will also enjoy their choice of vessel name and livery.

THE SUDDEN arrival of winter caused chaos in the City yesterday. It was gridlock at City Brasserie. where infuriated diners were forced to queue for the coat check. Harrassed staff were less than cool with customers kept wait-ing in a line that stretched all the way around the block.

Smoke screen

MIKE GREENLEES, chief executive of GGT, the advertising agency. is try-ing to give up smoking in the midst of the company's anemply to complete its (110 million purchase of RDDP. This is had news for Mark Bavlis, the finance director, who tells me that Greenlees appears to be smoking as much as ever, without actually buying any cigarettes.

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Douglas harbour, Isle of Man, where the finance sector is a powerful force, with more than 5,200 companies registered in the territory

Places of shelter for the good, the bad and simply unsavoury

eadlines about offshore tax havens rarely make happy reading. The furore over Mil-Tec Corporation, the Isle of Man-registered company at the centre of allegations of supplying some £3.3 million of arms to the former Rwandan Army, is just the latest - and particularly unsavoury -- example.

Offshore centres tend to be seen either as a shelter from the taxman for the very wealthy, or a facilitator to those who want to shield their activities from local and international authorities through special trusts or off-theshelf companies that can be bought for as little as £600 a year.

But then it is just as easy, and often cheaper by hundreds of pounds, to buy an off-the-shelf company on the UK mainland. What is more, millions of people domiciled on the UK mainland hold offshore bank and building society accounts, and offshore funds. for sound fiscal reasons. Close to home, the Channel islands of Guernsey, Jersey and tiny Sark, and the Isle of Man, are recognised as obvious offshore centres but so are Luxembourg

The Isle of Man, now in the spotlight because of Mil-Tec, is a major base for all types of international corporate and investment business. The finance sector is a powerful force on the island, providing nearly one in five jobs, and generating about 36 per cent of the national income. More than 5,200 companies are registered in the territory, contributing at least £2 million in

A non-resident company such as Mil-Tec can be set up for as little as £485, according to Jordans, a UK company specialising in company formations. Administration is likely to cost £400 a year, and the provision of nominee shareholders will cost a further £150 per annum. Non-resident company duty is payable at a rate of

The first year's annual administra-tion fee includes a registered office address and a full secretarial service. This would cover the creation and maintenance of the statutory registers. Directors are available for appointment at an annual cost of about £250. There are extra charges for any work done on behalf of the company. BDO Binder, the firm that adminisMil-Tec has put the spotlight on tax havens.

Robert Miller and Jon Ashworth report

Holiday and offshore haven

ters Mil-Tec, has provided a range of making strenuous efforts over the past custodial and other services since setting up in the Isle of Man in 1981. John Clarke and Bernard Galka, BDO's representatives on the island, were appointed directors of Mil-Tec when the company was incorporated in February 1993, but resigned after just four months. They were succeeded by John Donnelly and his father, frevor, both residents of Sark who earn a living as professional company

Further afield there are also numerous small island states from the Caribbean to the Pacific. In between are many other coun-

tries whose strict laws on banking secrecy are legendary. and into this category fall Liechtenstein and Switzerland, But both these countries would argue that when it comes to cooperating with overseas regulators and forces they provide every assistance, although de-As one senior City

nature of the inquiry or investigation this lawyer said yester day: "There are sliding scales in terms of

help from the offshore and banking centres. You have to remember that their economies are generally built on the fact that they are tax havens so inquiries about tax frauds are not likely to elicit as much help as say drug-related profits, money-laundering money or banking frauds."

The Cayman Islands have long been associated with "opaque" offshore trusts and a haven in which interna-

tional criminals have hidden much of their wealth from the prying eyes of investigators. The British Virgin Islands is another. Yet both these island states would claim that they have been couple of years to clean up their image. The Cayman Islands was commended recently by the head of America's Drug Enforcement Agency for its assistance in breaking up a cocaine cartel. One noted City fraudbuster takes a more cynical view of such efforts: "Many of the islands are on America's doorstep. If they refused to co-operate it wouldn't just be a matter of vital economic aid drying up. they'd probably wake up to find the US Seventh fleet on their door step, as Panama did when Noriega was

Earlier this year senior officials from the Serious Fraud Office went public in an interview with The Times to express their concerns that efforts to prosecute criminals. whether drug-runners, finanfraudsters or arms dealers, and to cut off the proceeds from their criminal activities were being

hampered by a lack of co-operation with many of the smaller offshore islands around the world. quoted was that of the Seychelles and its Economic Development Act (EDA),

which was dubbed "a money-launder-er's charter". Critics of the EDA claimed that, for \$10 million, criminals, including UK citizens, could obtain diplomatic status in the Seychelies and a guarantee that their assets will be protected if any foreign authority tried to seize or even trace them.

The civil and criminal authorities in the UK say that they alone cannot win battle against money-laundering and the use of offshore havens to mask illegal or even "unsavoury" activities. To this end there is now a duty of care on banks, building societies, City investment houses, lawyers, accoun-

clients before taking them on and being satisfied as to the source of the money. In theory at least it should now be impossible for someone to walk into a Channel Islands or Isle of Man bank with \$1 million and ask to open an account without being challenged as to where the money came from and how it was earned.

With millions of companies and trusts being operated out of so many offshore centres there is no way that the authorities can keep tabs on each one to intercept any evidence of wrongdoing so they must generally rely on the help of others. The catch-phrase beloved of all watchdogs, civil and criminal, is 'Know Your Client".

Gay Sellars, international tax partner at Ernst & Young, one of the leading firms of accountants, said: "We have extremely stringent client accep-tance procedures. We go through a number of checks, including references which we take up and check on. If someone wanted to set up an overseas or offshore company, and we were the advisers or auditors, we would want to know all the reasons."

Ms Sellars added that the actual mechanism of setting up an offshore company from the UK was not that difficult since the abolition of exchange controls, although there was a contingent known as Treasury Consent that was still on the statute books. This, however, is more of an Inland Revenue monitoring device, she said. Offshore companies, bank accounts

by millions of people pursuing lawful business. With the help of the regulatory authorities in the offshore centres and their liaison with UK watchdogs, the illegal and unsavoury aspect of offshore financial systems can be watched closely.

The real problem, however, is summed up by Brendan Hewson, a former senior UK fraud squad officer and a vice-president at the US NationsBank, who said: Fraudsters can go to any airport in the world and take the next flight out to freedom. Law-enforcement officers have to go through complicated and diplomatic channels and apply for special Commission Rogatoire letters."

In the meantime, the criminals get to enjoy the fruits of their ill-gotten gains.



Explaining the high demand for nonsense

favourite slogan of my first stockbroker was: The market is always right." To an arrogant young economist. this seemed obvious nonsense. Financial markets are always, I argued - yes, aiways - en route from one untenable position to another, and can only even look right by making the journey a slow one. Clever stuff: but a few attempts to out-guess the trend taught me what he meant. The market may know next to nothing about real life; but it does know (except at rare turning-points) where it itself is going. In the words of my favourite Swiss banker (not a gnome): "My reason tells me the market is much too high; my book tells me it is going up."
Why this disparity?

Because the time scales are hopelessly out of synch. The forces that determine underlying long-term trends secular bull and bear markets — are glacially slow. The bull market caused by a baby boom runs for a working lifetime; then it reverses. remorselessly. A technological lead used to last a century (though not any more) and a coalfield or an oilfield two or three. Even the shock of a big financial crash can reverberate for a quarter century, as after 1929. None of this matters in the

least to market professionals: they make their money not by guessing what will happen in the real world. but by guessing in advance what less professional investors will be worring about next. Tracking the real world through market prices is about as useful as observing a glacier with a plains why the market's own economists - men who really do know better - talk nonsense so much of the time. They are afraid that they might otherwise be convincing. Clients will not thank them for a good forecast if it points to a losing investment strategythe Roger Bootle view of inflation, for example; brilliant economics, but a rotten gilts pointer. Much safer to offer "forecasts" that support market trends. That is the right story to believe if you seriously want to get rich. None of this is news to

any experienced investor or

to the real puzzle. Why do these people still treat socalled market forecasts (whether written down or derived from yield curves) as if they had anything to tell kets? We have been warned endlessly, for example, that "the market expects" British inflation or interest rates to rise. Since both fell consistently for years, this would argue amazing obstinacy; but in fact the yields are telling us no such thing. They told us simply that the professional speculators who were borrowing such astronomic sums in Japanese ven preferred the mark or the Swiss franc for the long side of their "play".

Now we see something even odder: attempts to read the political future from the price charts. The detailed negotiations over EMU have become a tense international power struggle, as Anatole Kaletsky pointed out yesterday: and the loser may yet go off in a huff. Talk to a German banker, and he will tell you that the odds on EMU actually starting in 1999 are no better than evens. But talk to a London trader who reveres the market, and you will hear that EMU - and even Italian first-stage membership is inevitable -- "a done deal." Why? Because European bond yields have converged.

onsense. What the yield curves tell us is that the professionals have been making what they call "a convergence play" — an educated guess that markets would respond only sluggishly to the possible approach of EMU. so that they can be there first. gels rush in where fools fear to tread": and quite right. too. But they have made their money by now, and are moving on to other "plays". George Soros, for example, is now reported to be going massively short of the Swiss franc. This will interest you if you believe that anyone actually knows what Soros is doing; or if you suspect that Soros (or some other hedge speculator) has completed such a move, and is now trying to encourage others to buy his position. All absorbingly interesting to poker players: but not, surely, to economists.

US West shows signs of retreat from Britain

The latest round of

telecoms mergers has put increased

pressure on one

cable operator, says Eric Reguly

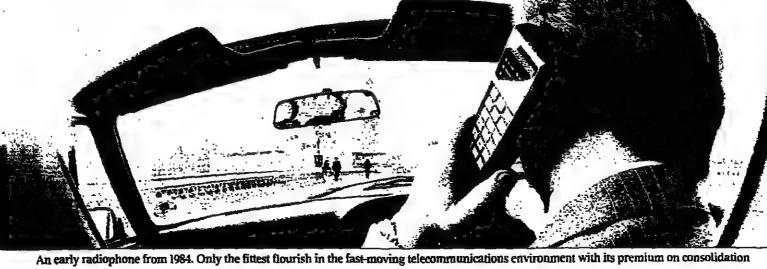
s US West, one of Ameri-ca's largest cable and I media groups, preparing to scale back its \$1 billion investment in Britain? There are indications that it is considering a sweeping reorga-nisation of its holdings, one that could reduce its local

exposure.
If so, it would not be alone. lis rival American companies such as Nynex, Southwestern **Bell and Cox Communications** are all on the retreat from

US West insists that it is committed to Britain but nonetheless is pulling back in some areas. The process started last week when US West International, its overseas investment arm based in London, confirmed that it had placed Thomson Directories on the auction block.

The news came as a sur-prise. US West bought Thomson only two years ago, reportedly paying about £90 million, and gave every indication that it was gearing up for a fight with British Telecom's Yellow Pages business.

Thomson, US West explained, no longer fits its core international strategy. Gary Ames, chief executive of US West International, said: We're really trying to focus on wireless communications and the cable-telephony business." That may be so, but questions



hang over those investments in Britain. US West owns 27 per cent of TeleWest Communications, Britain's largest cable company, and half of Mercury One-2-One, the smallest of the four mobile phone networks. The other portfolio holding is 9 per cent of Flextech, the cable and satellite TV programmer

al, and TeleWest in particular, went from bad to worse. The shares are now trading at 125½p. making US West's investment worth only about £320 million.

The cable company, saddled with stubbornly high discon-nection rates and low penetration rates, is looking particu-

6 With 27 per cent of the equity, US West does not have the luxury of deciding TeleWest's future ?

that recently struck a deal with the BBC to launch a series of BBC-themed subscription

channels.
TeleWest represents the biggest investment of the lot and the biggest disappointment. TeleWest floated in late 1994 at 182p a share and immediately sank as the out-· look for the industry in gener-

larly vulnerable at the moment. The reason is that the latest round of mergers have left it out in the cold. TeleWest can take credit for starting the consolidation craze in 1995 with the purchase of SBC CableComms, the fifth-largest

But the mother of all deals. Cox Communications, each the proposed merger of Merwith 10 per cent, to support its freecall 0500 550 650 ref T/06/01

80 per cent by Cable and Wireless, and three leading cable companies - Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Video tron - has upstaged TeleWest. Analysts think that the merged cable and phone company group, to be called Cable Wireless Communications, has the potential to be a telecoms and media powerhouse.

cury Communications, owned

The consensus among analysts and rival cable com-panies is that US West would consider selling its TeleWest stake unless TeleWest can strike a deal that gives it greater industry clout. But with only 27 per cent of the equity, US West does not have the luxury of determining TeleWest's future. It would have to convince Tele-Communications International. which also owns 27 per cent. and Southwestern Bell and

proposals. The trouble is the latter two are anxious to get out. One analyst said: "It wouldn't surprise me in the least if US West sold its stake in TeleWest." But Mr Ames

maintains the speculation is wrong, but he admits that the cable company is in flux. "I do believe there will be more consolidation in the industry. and TeleWest is open to fur-

ther expansion." he said.
"We've had conversations with a lot of people about that."

One-2-One's future is also

uncertain. The mobile-phone company made the mistake of rolling out its network exceedingly slowly and is now strug-gling to catch its rival Orange. which made national coverage a priority from the onset. Nonetheless. One-2-One should be profitable before the end of the decade. The ques-nion is whether US West will stick around that long. The idea of merging One-3-

One with the new Cable and Wireless Communications group, a deal which would create the first cable, media and mobile-communications company, has been floated. If it happens. US West's ownership may get diluted.
US West's investments in

Britain have been costly and. for the most part, disappointing. It said that it remains a believer in the British market. but forces may work against it



Enterprise Inns sets

sights on more pubs

ENTERPRISE INNS, the independent pub group, said yesterday that it would be keen to buy pubs from Bass should the brewer be forced to sell part of its estate as a condition of buying Carlsberg-Tetley. Enterprise added that it is considering other buying opportunities — ranging from individual pubs to corporate acquisitions — and is prepared to fund expansion with another rights issue.

The company announced a 13 per cent rise, to £3.7 million, in full-year profits before tax and exceptionals. Overall turnover rose 35 per cent, to £38 million. Enterprise said it had substantially completed the integration of the 500 pubs acquired with the £61 million purchase of the John Labatt estate in June, and, as a result of the expansion, has been able to renegotiate its main beer supply deals on better terms. Last

estate in June, and, as a result in the expension of the removement to renegotiate its main beer supply deals on better terms. Last year it invested 63 million in improving its estate and expects to spend a further £4 million this year. A maiden final dividend of 4.5p, payable January 24, makes a total of 6.75p.

Lloyds Chemists advice

LLOYDS CHEMISTS has advised shareholders to take no action over two rival takeover offers. Gehe, the German group, has offered £650 million cash, while UniChem is proposing a

mix of cash and shares worth about 2641.2 million. Lloyd's said: Neither bidder has declared its offers final and the board of

Lloyds Chemists continues to advise shareholders to take no action in relation to their shareholdings in Lloyds Chemists for the time being. Lloyds said both offers provided shareholders with more value than could be achieved by the company

Indian Tobacco arrests

TWO more executives connected with Indian Tobacts-Company, whose largest shareholder is Britain's BAT Industries, have been arrested on foreign exchange charges. R.P. Agrawal, the executive director, and P.K. Talwarby, director for finance of ITC Bhadrachalam Paperboards, were

due to appear before a Calcutta magistrate for a bail hearing. Federal police raided the company's offices on October 30 and arrested four current or past executives. The company is accused of creating false invoices for exports and imports of tobacco and machinery to hide \$4 million abroad.

Warning from Widney

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Jump in cost for **business** gas users

Industrial gas users have encountered a dramatic jump in prices in a move that swiftly reverses recent falls in market rates for the

The average cost of gas for business users rose more than 5 per cent, according to the 1996 survey by National Utility Services (NUS). This represents a huge swing from the 40 per cent drop in prices recorded in 1995.

Prices have been squeezed upwards by increasing spot market prices, a tightening of margins by independent sup-pliers, and the con-sumption of surplus North

Sea gas. NUS believes there is also some upward pressure on prices from uncertainty over a Monopolies and Mergers Commission Inquiry into the pricing controls on TransCo.

The price increase is in contrast with the domestic market, where customers are beginning to see bill reductions as competition develops in gas supply. Andrew Johns, NUS director, said: The honeymoon period that British industry has enjoyed with the injection of competition into the market is over."

The price hardening is expected to continue as winter sets in. Prices for gas on the spot market have risen from below 10p a therm to 15p a therm in

Sales improve at Merchant

The Merchant Retail Group cut its interim loss from £3.3 million to £206,000 after a pick-up in sales at the Perfume Shop and Joplings department

At the Perfume Shop, like-for-like sales were up il per cent, while at Joplings they were up 6.4 per cent.

The company is plan-ning to expand the Per-fume Shop chain from its current total of 28 stores by opening four more in the second half and 15 next year. In the six months to September 28, the company had a loss per share of 0.28p, compared with 0.76p a year ago.

£13m raised

Oliver Ashworth, the pipe-line distributor, will be valued at £26.3 million when it joins the main stock market on Monday. The company has raised £13 million from the float, which it intends to use to reduce debt and build up funds for possible acquisitions.



Ross Buckland, Unigate chief executive, has £58 million cash and no borrowings despite spending £100 million on acquisitions in the first half

Allied Colloids lines up record £234m acquisition

ALLIED COLLOIDS, the chemicals group, is to buy one of its main US suppliers for £234 million, its largest ever acquisition.

The takeover of CPS Chemicals, an intermediates and finished polymers producer, will be partly financed through a £173 million rights issue, with a further £61 million funded through borrowings. Phil Meisel, who set up CPS in 1955, will receive a EH2 million cash windfall from the deal, with his family sharing a further £113 million. Mr Meisel was first on the point of selling his business to Allied in 1989, but pulled out in the final stages of negotia-

tions. Now 69, he is set to retire.

David Farrar, Allied's chief

executive, said the merger would provide the enlarged group with a much stronger command of its core markets and firmer control of raw material costs, which recently forced a decline in profits.

Mr Farrar said: "We have been badly hit by price increases in the past, but the combined group will have a huge level of purchasing power. putting us in a much stronger position."
Allied will raise the £173

million through offering up to 153 million shares at 118p each on a two-for-seven basis. The issue. Allied's first cash call in 20 years, is being fully underwritten by Kleinwort Benson. Mr Farrer said the company should easily absorb the remaining £61 million of debt. although borrowing the sum would double its gearing. Allied reported better than expected interim results for

the six months to September 30. It said that the cost of raw materials recovered in the second half helped to lift pretax profits for the first time in two years, rising 3.7 per cent to £21.i million.

Sales grew in all divisions except textiles, which declined 13 per cent after being dragged down by sluggish conditions in the sector. Allied's new Superabsorbents plant in Grimsby was running at 65 per cent of capacity by October and is expected to break into

profit before next March. The company forecast even strongrowth in the second half and raised the interim dividend 10 per cent to 0.64p-in spite of a modest rise in earnings from 2.81p per share to 2.84p. The dividend is due February 14.

Analysts forecast that if the recovery in raw material prices continues, Allied's full-year profits would be £55 million (£42 million) by the year end, even without the three-month contribution

In 1995, CPS generated profof £21.3 million, before interest and tax; on sales of £94 million — £13.2 million of

European purchases

Unigate to

consider

UNIGATE is seeking acquisi-tions in the food and distribution businesses of continental Europe, the company indicated yesterday as it reported a slight rise in interim profits in spite of lower earnings from

In the six months to September 30, the company made a pre-tax profit of £60.6 million, compared with £60.4 million a year ago. Operating profit in the distribution and fresh foods divisions rose, but in dairy it fell £2.9 million to £17.6 million. Across the whole group, operating profit rose 7 per cent to £59.3 million.

In the first half the group spent £100 million on acquir-ing Kraft's Vitalite and Gold-en Churn business and the Hargrave pork products business. Unigate now has, £58 million cash and no borrow-K JULINE food purchases and at expanding Wincanton, its distribution business, into continental Europe through acquiitions.

As a result of the Kraft

acquisition, St Ivel's share of the UK margarines and spreads market has grown to just over 25 per cent. Elsewhere in the fresh foods division, yogurt sales fell al-though desserts, comprising Cadbury. St Ivel and own label, continued to show good growth. Fruit juice volumes improved slightly, but profits suffered from the impact of raw material cost increases.

Unigate signalled a year ago that butter and milk powder prices were unsustainably high, and the BSE crisis has since added to the woes of milk producers. Lower prices for butter and milk powders cost the company an estimated £4 million in the first half. Overall liquid milk volumes declined 7 per cent, with doorstep sales down 11 per cent in the six months and sales to supermarkets declin-

ing 2.4 per cent.
Unigate has completed its exit from US restaurants, selling Black-eyed Pea in July and Taco-Bueno and Casa Bonita in the past few weeks.

Earnings per share were marginally higher at 19p (18.8p) and the interim dividend has been increased 5.3

SHARES of Widney fell 15½p to 49½p after the specialist engineering company gave warning that profits for the year to September 28 would fall below expectations. Results will be hit by action to address poor profitability at the brewery division of the company's Chadburns subsidiary, incurring restructuring costs of £750,000, and reduced production schedules at Widney Enclosures. The company, which earned profits of £1.65 million last year, expects to maintain the final dividend at 2.5p a share for an unchanged a total of 3.5p. Rights issue by Vision

VISION GROUP, the specialist camera supplier, is raising Eli.5 million via a rights issue to enhance the manufacturing capability of its subcontractors and to meet additional working capital requirements. Investors are being offered three new shares for every 19 held at 225p each. Existing shares rose 55½ pyesterday to 321½p. The company reported increased losses of £2.3 million before tax for the year to July 31, against losses of £1.5 million previously, but said that it made a profit £68,114 in the three months to the end of October.

Cosalt shares rise

SHARES of Cosalt rose 15p to 2222p yesterday after the supplier of marine and industrial safety equipment announced a 12 per cent rise in the total dividend to 9.8p a share, with the payment of a 6.2p final, Pre-tax profits in the year to September 1 rose to £3.75 million, from £2.8 million, on turnover that improved to £84.5 million from £73.2 million. Cosalt said that Crewsaver, a manufacturer of lifejackets and buoyancy aids acquired for up to £990,000 in February, had enhanced earnings.

Maiden from Rebus

REBUS, the computer services company demerged from CE Heath in April, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 0.6p a share. The company reported pre-tax profits of £2.3 million, down from an adjusted £2.5 million previously, and reflecting new corporate overheads arising from its status as a separate public company. Rebus said that its core business produced a 39 per cent increase in profits. The company's turnover rose 7 per cent to £30.3 million.

Ferraris enjoys boom

FERRARIS GROUP, the products and services group for the medical and precision components sector, said that order books were at record levels and markets remained strong. In the year to August 31, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £1.43 million from £648,000. Earnings were 9.7p a share, compared with 6.4p previously. A final dividend of 1.75p a share lifts the total to 2.8p, from 2.35p. The company's medical products and instruments divisions report particu-larly buoyant demand in America and the European Union.

Adam & Harvey steady

ADAM & HARVEY, the distribution and steel stockholding company with interests in Africa, the UK, China and eastern Germany, held pre-tax profits unchanged at £2.5 million in the half year to September 30, in spite of a fall in turnover to 124.2 million from £27.3 million. Rarnings rose to 34.6p a share from 30.8p. The interim dividend is increased to 12.25p a share from 11p. The company said that its cash position. remained strong but warned investors the recent apprecia-tion of sterling would affect overseas earnings.

European Colour up

EUROPEAN COLOUR, the pigments and coatings business, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.48 million from £1.36 million in the half year to September 30. Earnings rose to 2.41p a share from 2.35p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.825p a share from 0.775p. Turnover was unchanged at £10.25 million, in spine of a £778,000 contribution from acquisitions. The company said that it would seek to offset the adverse impact of a stronger pound through targeted sourcing of raw materials and careful treasury planning.

under two 12-year leases pro-viding a total income of £2 of 2.9p after revenue earnings per share of 5p (4.9p).

Great Portland boosts rent roll

chairman, said that earnings

BY CARL MORTISHED

ings have added an extra £4 million to the future rent roll at Great Portland Estates, the property group with large holdings north of Oxford Street in London.

ACQUISITIONS and lett-

Great Portland's net rental income for the half-year to September grew 2 per cent to £47.6 million but pre-tax profits fell from £23.8 million to £21.9 million because of higher finance costs and smaller profits from property disposals. Richard Peskin,

er than expected in four of

Porvair's six companies. The

profit shortfall was com-

pounded by the decision to

accelerate investment in the

John Morgan, chairman,

said Porvair's underlying strength was intact and the

future continued to look prom-

ising, despite the short-term

ES.12 million pre-tax profit in

the last financial year.

second half.

in the second half would be similar to the first half. However, he reported an improving trend in the London property market "In the past few months there has undoubtedly been a firm underlying tone to the investment and letting markets, particu-larly in the West End."

The company's office redevelopment at 160 Great Portland Street was let in July, tion, two properties were acquired in June for £23 million which will bring in a further £2 million per annum in rent by 1998. The company also secured control over a 38-acre site next to the M20 motorway near Ashford, Kent, and the company is seeking planning permission to build a leisure

million per annum. In addi-

Great Portland is paying a maintained interim dividend



Peskin: London cheer

Porvair price slides on profits warning

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES of Porvair, the manufacturer of industrial materials, whose shares traded at 431p earlier this year, fell a further 66p to 199p yesterday after the company said pre-tax profits would not exceed £4.2 million in the current financial year, ending November 30.

The company said an anticlpated strong recovery in trading had failed to materialise in the final quarter. Sales and profits were significantly low-

LEGAL NOTICES

Bupa eyes Irish Republic

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

BUPA, the UK private healthcare company, heralded a new era of competition in the Republic of Ireland with the launch in Dublin of several strong packages designed to challenge the state-owned Voluntary Health Insurance (VHI) company.

Martin O'Rourke, Bupa ireland's managing director. claimed the new products which include a package with full cover for hospital treatment at a cost of Ir£172 a year would encourage more

people to join private healthcare schemes. One third of the Republic's population. almost 1.3 million people, have private health cover with the self-financing, non-profit VHI. Last year income from premiums exceeded Ir £232 million.

Set up by the Irish Govern-ment in 1957, VHI has enjoyed a monopoly on private healthcare. In recent years it has been criticised for increasing its premiums ahead of the rate of inflation. VHI blamed escalating health costs.

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The arrival of a competitor on the Irish market and the defection to Bupa of several of its leading staff, including Mr. O'Rourke, has prompted VHI to review its operations.

VHI's chief executive re-

signed in September after a public boardroom squabble about his performance. A replacement has yet to be appointed. However, VHI has insisted that the reputation it has built up over the past 30 years will ensure that it will stave off the Bupa challenge.

Access Plus valued at £12.6m on AIM

ACCESS PLUS, a print-related marketing services com-pany, will be valued at £12.66 million when its shares begin trading on the Alternative Market on

Shares representing 35 per cent of the issued share capital are being placed with institutional investors at 90p each on behalf of Charterhouse Development Capital,

pany in 1991. No directors are selling shares at the time of the

Access Plus is forecasting pre-tax profits of £1.3 million after flotation costs for the year to the end of December and earnings of 5.4p a share, compared with £1.4 million and 6.4p per share respectively for the previous 12 month

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arthurs and comments the member and addresses of the above company's creditors. Alts of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be lampered at the offices of Leonard Curtle & Co., PO Eon 1553, 20 Eastbourne Twenzen, (2nd Floor) London WZ &LF, between the hours of 150 Cam to 400pm on the two business days pages ing the Masting of Creditors. Dated this 13th November 1996. Apply to the Company Number 1996. As FIELES, Discretor.

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Clearer picture at Norcros NORCROS, the much reorganised company that is now concentrating on files and

showers, has stopped taking a profits credit for one of its largest hidden assets — the £80 million surplus in its pension fund (Paul Durman writes). The company is seeking to give a clearer picture of its underlying performance after years of results muddled by

restructuring. Joe Matthews.

chief executive, said the pen-sion credit would have added £25 million to the half-year operating profits of £6.9 million announced yesterday.

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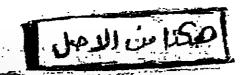
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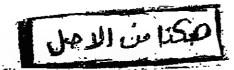
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townships and the rural areas." Terry Cohen, the drummer with the successful Johannesburg allwomen group the Pressure Cookics. says: The kids in Soweto want

have the same as kids of their age reminded of their own cultural

background." Radio encourages this with an endless diet of the latest American sounds. Local musicians recently won a legal quota requiring sta-tions to play 20 per cent South. African music, but this still means four foreign acts for every South African artist given airplay. Five years ago a third of all record sales



6 If people don't understand where they came from, there is a hole in the soul 9 POPS MOHAMED

were by local artists. Today the figure is one in six.

Paul Kruger, the Boer War leader, said on his deathbed that Those who wish to create the future must not lose sight of the past". The old racist would seem to be an unlikely exemplar for black musi-clans but Mohamed, who has long - been running a one-man crusade to

ia respect for themselves, their culture and for others," he says. People are letting their heritage die if they only listen to Western sounds. If they don't understand where they came from, there is a hole where the soul should be."

Mohamed strives ceaselessly to encourage young musicians to go back to their roots. When not recording or touring, he will be found running workshops in the townships, tutoring students on how to play traditional instru-ments. Although the South African Ministry of Culture is supportive, there is no government financial aid for such projects. In the reconstruction of modern South Africa there are more pressing

But Mohamed is no dyed-in-thewool traditionalist. His last album, Ancestral Healing, combines contemporary instruments and electronics with a sense of his African background. Immediately before embarking on his tribal field recordings, he was on tour with Tananas, South Africa's top multiracial jazz fusion band. His role was to add the African textures of the kora and the mbira to the Western rhythms.

Neither instrument is strictly South African: the konz is a 21string harp from West Africa and the mbira is the traditional thumb piano of Zimbabwe. The ending of apartheid allowed musicians from across Africa to get together and develop a common musical heritage," Mohamed says. Some of the biggest selling world-music acts such as Baaba Maal and Youssou N'Dour have visited and played with local musicians, something which could never have happened under the old regime.

However, Hugh Masekela, the veteran jazz musician who returned to South Africa after 30 years in exile, complains that the music industry is still owned and run by whites. There is no investment in the townships, and the whites still own everything," he says. "The whites are the only people who and back-to-front baseball caps. traditional music people can find are no longer pariahs."

Through have been liberated, because they a band like Penny Penny," The answer was that, at 120 rands a Holmes, the owner, has sold his car and back-to-front baseball caps. traditional music people can find are no longer pariahs."

Friedman says, "but they have sold ticket (about £17, or more than a to pay some of the club's bills.



On Johannesburg's streets the buskers still play traditional instruments. But what sells is hip-hop and rap, the music of the West

Kerry Friedman, the manager of Tananas, agrees in part, but sees development elsewhere. The record industry here is totally hidebound," she says. "They don't really know what is happening." Instead, an entire subculture has grown up outside the mainstream which allows local Afro-pop acts to sell huge numbers of albums on small, independent labels without the benefit of company promotion or radio play. "Nobody in smart Johannesburg society has heard of

200,000 albums in the townships by word of mouth."

In some respects, it cannot be denied that a racial divide is still evident. Last month the American singer Tracy Chapman, who has probably played more anti-apartheid concerts in America and Europe than anyone, performed for 70,000 people at a racetrack outside Johannesburg. Before she went on stage, she looked out at a sea of white faces and asked what had

week's groceries), the audience was always going to be 95 per cent white. So she held a workshop in Soweto for those who could not afford the ticket price.

Musicians are struggling in the new South Africa - but then Nelson Mandela never promised anyone it was going to be easy. Johannesburg's most famous live music club. Kippie's, has temporarily closed after running into financial difficulties. Over at the Bass

But the music remains vibrant and Friedman rounds on the pessimists. "We are free from the yoke of apartheid, so we are now moving beyond the political phase and concentrating on producing great music. There is an upsurge out there, so many great new bands."

It cannot be long before they make a major impact on the rest of the world, for, as even the otherwise pessimistic Masekela says: Africans are the mos resilient, joyous people I know. And

POP AND JAZZ: An American songbird fails to take flight; Bristolian rapper keeps to the shadows; touching M-Base

Let's talk Glamour but not a lot to Crow about basic

WHEN Chicago born saxo-phonist Steve Coleman and a small but influential group of like-minded musicians first burst on the New York scene in the mid 1980s, their brand of improvised music, a streetsmart mix of jazz with hipreferred to by its adherents. themselves as M-Base Macro-Basic Array of Structured.

> Steve Coleman Jazz Café, NWI

Extempurisation. Born partly out of frustration at the prevalence in the contemporary jazz world of retro-jazz, and partly out of a straightforward desire, in Coleman's words, "to find a common language, based on a certain balance of structure and improvisation". M-Base music can strike the unprepared car as a some-what relentless barrage of hip virtuosity set to robotic beats. Heard in its proper setting.

though - a packed club with a standing audience - the great strengths of the style become immediately apparent. As soon as Coleman's Five Elements (keyboard player Andy Milne, bassist David Dyson, percussionist Anga Diaz Zayas and drummer Scan Rickman, plus an onstage dancer. Rosangela Silvestre) set up their hypnotic rhythm, the sheer visceral impact of the music took immediate hold. Bodies were set in motion, not to come to rest until nearly two hours later.

Coleman's alto sound is also very much an acquired taste. Slippery and dry at first, it uwes enough stylistic debt to Charlie Parker, and is infused with sufficient soulful pep from the likes of James Brown's saxophonist Maceo Parker, to enable admirers of either influence to find a way

into Coleman's music. Coming as it did at the end of the ten-day Oris London Jazz Festival, Coleman's exhilurating display proved that the jazz sterne is as vibrant and movarive as it ever was.

CHRIS PARKER qualities alongside his machismo

Many North American acts who enjoyed big-selling first albums in the 1990s have since found it hard to maintain momentum in Britain. Witness the disappointing sales of recent releases by Spin Doctors, Counting Crows, the Black Crowes and Crash Test Dummies, all albums which have fallen on the wrong side of the Britpop watershed.

It may be too soon to add another Crow to that list, but at this juncture it seems doubtful that Sheryl Crow's self-titled second album will scale the dizzy heights of her 1993 debut, Tuesday Night Music

And for all its understated charm, her show at Shepherds Bush on Monday did seem prematurely middle-aged. Vintage tracks by the Stones, Dylan and Rod Stewart played reassuringly over the PA before Crow came on and struck up the opening riff of Hard to Make a Stand. A mid-tempo song with a Lou Reed-influenced swagger, it fitted seamlessly alongside the

sounds that had gone before. Despite boasting one of the most memorable choruses of the year, if It Makes You Happy was one of several Sheryl Crow Empire, W12

ensuing numbers that seemed to be stuck in third gear, confirming an impression of Crow as a performer with a lot of words and melody in her soul, but little sense of urgency in her style.

Although a glamorous fig-ure in her skimpy black Tshirt and tight black trousers. with a succession of acoustic and electric guitars slung around her neck, she did not come across as a natural exhibitionist. Her five-piece backing band performed ably. but added little colour, and it took a while for the show to gather pace. But the sheer weight of great tunes gradually took effect: Run, Baby, Run. Sweet Rosalyn, Maybe Angels and Can't Cry Anymore all hit the spot with a satisfying

Towards the end of the show, the band were joined by Crow's former employer and romantic companion of recent months, Eric Clapton. Despite looking as if he had been been dragged away from a quiet night in front of the telly, he effortlessly upstaged the rock



Run, baby, run: Sheryl Crow's performance never really gets beyond third gear

Do. Home, Superstar and a guitarists.

His contribution to the nary Morning, finally tipped songs, including All I Wanna the balance, turning an enjoy-

able if somewhat workaday set into something special.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Awkward manoeuvres in the dark



Tricky: airing his feminine

ALTHOUGH last year's debut Tricky album, Maxinquaye, was wildly hailed as a new peak in left-field British pop, the first ramshackle live shows put together by this mercurial Bristolian rapper never quite did it

Returning from voluntary exile in New York to showcase his second official album, Pre-Millennium Tension. Tricky has assembled a new band of session players and a fresh stage show. But, if anything, showmanship seems to be an even smaller consideration now. At Brixton's Fridge dub on Monday, the six-strong group delivered the entire 90-minute set entombed in sepuichral gloom. illuminated only by occasional splashes of billious green and purple light. Tricky himself spent much of the show with his back to the audience and, with fellow lead vocalist Martina Topley-Bird. in marky silhouene.

An awkward non-conformist stance, perhaps, but one which suited the music's dank, furtive, claustrophobic Fridge, SW2

mood to perfection. While these endlessly repeated drum loops and freeform asthmatic rasps occasionally overstepped the line between compelling intensity and turgid self-indulgence, Tricky's latest band still brought most of them vividly to life, from the simmering slow-motion funk of Christiansands to the grinding

industrial cacophany of Vent. Strikingly, there was a punkish energy to much of the set which was previously confined to Tricky's records alone. A ferocious new composition with the working title Stevie Wonder certainly found its author on combative form, snarling like a West Country gangsta rapper over telent-

less waves of rattling percussion.

Yet, ironically, Tricky's uniqueness derives from being a rapper who publicly airs his vulnerable, intro-

spective and feminine qualities along-side his brooding machismo. He may play up his demonic side, but Topley-Bird is clearly his guardian angel, bringing some semblance of harmony to his fevered vision. And to his credit. Tricky allowed her heavenly voice to shine on many highlights at Brixton. including the eerily beautiful former single Overcome and the high-speed

rap marathon Lyrics of Fury.
So it seems that not only has Tricky learnt how to present his music in a suitably dramatic manner, but also that he has done so by defiantly rejecting the fashionable "trip-hop" label which has dogged his career to date. While that nebulous tag has come to signify tasteful background music, Tricky wilfully pursues an ever darker and dirtier muse. Just as long as Topley-Bird is there to act as ying to his yang. Tricky's live shows will remain starkly uncompromising but spellbinding experiences.

STEPHEN DALTON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

RAKHI SINGH

Age: 14.

Why is she in the news? Accompanied by the London Philharmonic, she will be playing Bruch's Violin Con-certo No 1 in G Minor at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday, as a finalist in the tenth Audi Junior Musician competition. Victory would bring a trophy and £2,000.

Home town: Llandybie, South Wales. She has been at Chetham's School of Music, in Manchester, since passing a demanding audition at the age of nine.

What's her secret? "I have perfect pitch, which helps a

lot. Violin playing is just something I can do naturally, the

way some people are good at catching a ball." Musical genes: Her uncle, Gordon Gange, is a violinist with the BBC Philharmonic. Her mother, Dorothy, teaches violin at Trinity College, Carmanhen, and put a tiny fiddle into Rakhi's hands when she was three. Her brother, 11-year-old

Davi-Jo, is also at Chetham's, studying - you guessed it - violin, "Dad's the odd one out. He prefers cricket." Dedication: "I practise four hours a day in term time. plus about five hours' school work. In the holidays I sometimes practise five hours a day."

Heroes? "I worship Heiferz and Perlman. They both have amazing, unique styles."

Wish list: "I don't own my own violin." She will play the Bruch on a violin made in Paris in 1880, on loan from

Positive thinking: "Whether I win or not. I'll have had the chance to play solo with a professional orchestra in a big London concert hall. What more could you ask for?"

Ambition: "I would love to be a soloist, but I'd be happy to play in an orchestra. I couldn't live without the violin.

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■ THEATRE

Bob Hoskins returns to the stage in Old Wicked Songs, a dark play that doesn't quite work



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Making her Covent Garden debut, Solveig Kringelborn excels in Don Giovanni

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Minor, but far from flat

THEATRE

Old Wicked

Songs

n the early 1980s we saw Bob Hoskins variously being perky, ferocious, jolly, grim and brutish on the London stage. But the excellent reviews he got for his performances in Guys and Dolls, The Duchess of Malfi and Sam Shepard's True West did not prevent him being sucked into the movies and, most recently, that irritating television ad in which he potters about people's rooms opining that it is good to talk. Whatever

the weaknesses of Jon Marans's Old Wicked Songs, then, it has one big plus. It brings Hoskins back to the theatre: and in a role which those who know him in his Long Good Friday. chunky, bustling mode

Gielgud will find surprising.

Hoskins's Mashkan is a professor of music mournfully subsisting on pastries, glum jokes and Schumann lieder in Vienna at the beginning of the Waldheim era. He makes anti-Semitic remarks, but, as you may well guess, because he himself is a Jew with a past he prefers to hide. In the play's most memorable episode, he clutches redfaced at the concentration-camp number on his arm and starts to swallow what may be a killer-dose of pills; but there are other moments, too, when Hoskins displays a vulnerability and wry melancholy not often associated

with his acting. Already I am beginning to reveal too much of Marans's plot; but my excuse is that there is something in his writing that encourages it. Absorbing and enjoyable though his two-hander mostly is, it is not exactly packed with the quirks and oddities of life itself. As soon as James Callis's young American pianist enters Mashkan's vaulty office bristling with resentment at a world

which finds his solo work overreliant on technique and now expects him to take a course in singing before teaching him the lowly craft of accompaniment - well, it is not too hard to forecast the journey that he and the

professor will jointly travel. Thanks partly to wise old Mashkan, partly to a visit to Dachau, the brash, ungainly Stephen duly acquires humility, human understanding, musical depth, a capacity for friendship and a

new sense of his Jewish identity. But this process needs more sophisticated as well as less predictable handling on Marans's part. Would a gifted 25-year-old pianist really need in-forming that Schumann's songs radiate

feeling, or, as Mashkan solemnly puts it, "this combination of joy and sadness, this is the core of truly beautiful music"? That is like telling a chef that eggshells contain yolks.

Still, the play has undeniably moving moments, sharp things to say about Austrian politics, and, above all, a lot of Schumann. Callis gives an astonishingly accomplished performance, considering that this is his professional stage debut, and part of that is, I suppose, having a singing voice somewhat in need of sandpapering. Nevertheless, you cannot miss the yearning, sorrow and rage of Schumann's love-songs to his Clara, the Dichterliebe. When they criss-cross the theatre, reaching an apotheosis in which Callis and Hoskins bring their dual passion to the number that gives the play its title, words seem redundant. Schumann's music makes most of Marans's points for him.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Hoskins (Joseph Mashkan) bring harmony to their troubled souls

DONALD COOPER Feruccio Furianetto sings the role of the sardonic Don

Giovanni, with Christiane Oelze as a sparky Zerlina

A triumph for team play

ALL CHANGE for Don Giovanni. A completely new set of singers now inhabits Johannes Schaafs uniovel black box at Covent Garden. A formight ago the revival was dominated by Thomas Allen's powerfully malevolent perfor mance in the title role. But the rest of the cast failed to gel.

Feruccio Furlanetto is content with a more conventional portraval. With his gostee beard and his sardonic chuckle he is a villain from a Hollywood costume flic. The baritone is gravelly and big. too big when it comes to the Serenade. But he shows his mettle in the final tussic with the Commendatore and goes

to hell with a sneer on his lips. Furlanetto's willingness to be part of a team allows others

Don Giovanni Covent Garden to shine. Of these the brightest

and best are the Elvira of Solveig Kringelborn and the Leporello of Franz Hawlata. Kringelborn arrives looking like a character from her fellow countryman, Ibsen. Her expression as Leporello presses on with the Catalogue Aria is that of Hedda Gabler receiving yet more bad news. Her soprano is keen and true and Mi tradi was full of anguish. Hawlata makes a iovial Leporello, well dressed and well fed. Together they

make the Anna and Ottavio look studgy. Christine Brewer husbands her voice carefully, but is impassive. Donald Kassch overdecorated Dalla sua pace but thereafter improved. Christiane Geize and Maxim Mikhailov were 😙 sparky pair of country lovers and Gudjon Oskarsson's Commendatore confirmed the promise of his recent Hunding at the Barbican.

Dietfried Bernet goes right against the current trend for light, fluid Mozart, which possibly prompted a few boos at the close. The house should have been more appreciative of a far livelier team than was fielded at the beginning of the

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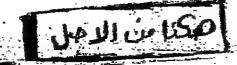
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IF A glamorous touring or-chestra such as the San Francisco Symphony cannot fill the Bridgswater Hall, what chance, without a star conductor of popular soloist, has the BBC Philharmonic of half-filling in The unlikely answer is that the BBC PO's latest concert -- in which Sir Peter Maxwel Davies conducted a new piece of his own, Throstle's Nest Junction, together with works by Bruch, Sibelius and Shostakovich — was all

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The conclusion must be that, after an opening which could scarcely have been more disastrous if the executives of the Halle and of the new building had conspired to sink it, the Bridgewater Hall is beginning to stimulate public

Friendly fire

AS AN early upbeat to next year Brahms centenary celebrations. Andras Schiff launched his five-concert series of the composer's chamber nusic with piano at the weekend. It was, inevitably, yet arother of the Schiff-andfriend style mini-festivals for which the Wigmore Hall is now famous: music-making at once plaxed and demanding

Thefirst concert began with one of the last works, the Trio in A ninor for clarinet, cello and pino. Distilled in matter and compressed in manner, this issome of Brahms's most cool vriting, and it never responds well to over-heating. The steady, contained in-wardless of Elmar Schmid's clariff song and Boris Pergammschikow's minutely responsive. charcoal-toned cello playing went to the very heartof the work. And Schiff, at his most focused and orant, held together the subtle oppositions of instru-

Shiff's wife, Yunko Shiokave, joined him for the Violn Sonata No I in G. True

THE composer Sofia Gubai-dulina is 65, and in celebration the Lindon Sinfonietta invited her to its all-Gubaldulina programme on Saturday. She voices to have emerged from the oil Soviet Union: she acknowledges Shostakovich and Berg as mentors, not for their sand but because they taught ier to be herself.

Gubaidulina would probably have been herself anyway. Now resident in Germany, she is one of the few composers of the Russian school not to dwell mostalgically, on the past Most of her music seems to gize by turns fearfully and

fearessly into the future. Ejen her 1993 Meditation on he Bach Chorale, Before Thithrone I come, O Lord, for fivestrings and barpsichord, a this visionary quality. String musings set against a brittle harrischord are interrupted by surbursts of gruff double

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to form. Schiff charged the batteries of the performance and provided its main expres-

sive contours, while Shio-kawa responded with clarity. The high point of the evening was the Piano Quartet No I in G minor which concluded it. The daringly long and eager first move-

> Andras Schiff Wigmore Hall:

ment of this early work can, in less sensitive hands, seem long-winded. Here, though, its long and ever-expanding themes were revealed as the scarching and variegated

creatures that they are. Song became march and; before we knew it, had tumbled over into the final Rondo alla Zingarese, with Schiff's fingers recreating a one-man gypsy band of thrillingly idi-omatic pulse, rhythm and

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bass, flutterings and howlings from the upper instruments, very effective in this first London performance.

Gubaidulina's Seven Last Words (1982) has had several performances in this country, but none surely better balanced than here by the con-ductor Markus Stenz. The religious theme, originally disguised, is typical of the composer's Soviet period, but still

interest. Certainly, from a seat near the front of the choir circle and with an orchestra playing into the auditorium rather than resting on accustic illusions on the platform, the hall is sounding very much

Thin in musical substance but abundant in sonorous effects, the new Davies piece needs conditions like that. Some of the sounds, such as the simulated tramcar bell. are immediately and nostalgi-cally identifiable; others, like the rattled dusthin lid and the chalk scraped on blackboards. have a visual interest if no obvious meaning. All of them are inspired by the composer's memories of the Salford in which he grew up in the 1930s. Anyway, Throstle's Nest Junction is an advance on the last piece in the series, Cross Lane Fair; at least in that the theatrical element — four bursting balloons in this case instead of a juggling act — is actually integrated into the T-SHUTE.

After an engaging but some-times cautious account of Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor by Olivier Charlier, who really needed to get on with it towards the end of the last movement, and some lovely oor anglais playing in The Swan of Tuonela, Davies conducted a particularly interesting interpretation of Sho-stakovich's Ninth Symphony. He clearly does not take the view that, despite outward appearances, it has to be treated as a merely jokey or even predominantly light-bearted piece. He detected profound unease in the slow movement, and found a threat even amid the burlesque episodes of the finale.

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the work is not all retrospection. It takes the form of a seven-movement chamber concerto for cello, accordion and string orchestra. Karine Georgian's big, majestic cello tone and the powerful stab-bing chords and flashes of silvery brilliance from James Crabb's accordion sustained interest where motifs are used a little repetitively.

Most rewarding of all was the first British performance of Now Always Snow, for chamber choir and ensemble. Four of the five movements are settings of evocative poetry by Germadi Aigi. The short vrical fragments, woven into rich vocal textures, were sung with feeling and precision by the London Sinfonietta Voices and the players dispatched the light, flurrying accompaniments with ease. The narrator was Seva Novgorodsev.

JOHN ALLISON



The former Lloyds Bank building on the corner of King Street and St James's Street in the heart of London has stood vacant for nearly a decade

The cheque's in the past

The lights burn late in the Old Bank of England, and the castiron vases outside are flaming like Olympic torches long into the evening. This is the new Fullers Ale & Pie House next to the Strand Law Courts in London, and it is one of a growing breed of redun-dant banks now stylishly transformed into pubs, wine

bars and restaurants. Inside, you no longer tread in fear of the bank manager. The mahogany counters have tains fill the huge arched windows and the walls are hung with old prints which seem to include every bank that opened for business in the apital before 1900.

If all this is too fogeyish for your taste, walk on to the Kingsway corner of the Aldwych. That is where Bank - the latest London superdiner, seating 200 — has opened in a former NatWest, with columns painted in lurid colours and a cocktail bar as ong as any in Manhattan.

Bankers always had the money to build on the best sites in town, often on prominent corners. They liked an air of permanence about their buildings and chose the finest Portland stone and granite, bronze doors and window frames - all to convey the

message 'your money is safe". But the banking world is changing fast. With cash machines, telephone and TV banking taking over, different sites are needed. Trevor Fishlock of Barclays says: Banking is shifting from town centres. We want to be next to Marks & Spencer in good retail pitches." Mike Vertigans of NatWest agrees: We are piloting branches in shopping centres with nappychanging facilities and coffee."

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Consequently, vast num-bers of old banks have been made redundant, Lloyds TSB has disposed of 400 of its 2,800 branches since 1990, and 150 more are in line for closure next year. NatWest has cut back from 3,000 to 2,000 branches in five years and will slim to 1.750 by the millennium. In Scotland, home of the land and Royal Bank of Scotland, it is the same. John Hume, chief inspector for Historic Scotland, says: There are numerous empty suburhan branches as well as fine headquarters buildings in

Edinburgh and Glasgow. The question is: what will become of these often handsome buildings? In London's fashionable St James's Street, a magnificent Lloyds has stood empty for nearly a decade. At the bottom Lower Regent Street the former premises of the bankers Cox & Co have stood empty for

nearly as long. Yet overall the picture is encouraging. Matthew Saunders, of the Ancient Monument Society, reports: "There has been an explosion of good uses for banks, from bookshops to pizza parlours. In Hull alone, I saw three conversions which could hardly be

faulted." The pub chain Weatherspoons was the first and the fastest to take on banks, giving them such tongue-in-cheek names as The Standing Order. The Banker's Draft and, opening in Glasgow next month. The Counting House. The company is happy to leave the premises looking like a bank outside. It makes the interior

all the more of a surprise. "We'd willingly open a pub in a bank every day of the week. We have agents looking for sites. They're all centrally located and busy all day long," says the company's Eddie

In Brighton, Peppers, in a former NatWest in North Street, is one of a chain of six The company hopes to open a hundred more, "We seat 150, open for breakfast at eight and serve food all day. We've kept the original pillars inside but split the interior into different levels." says the manager, Joss Wickson.

thers go solo. The architect Annie Duquemin works with her partner from an old Midland Bank in Nottingham, "When we took out the false ceilings we found there was enough height for a mezzanine. We've used a lot of the old fittings and out clear glass in the windows, so it's wonderfully airy, though it also feels very secure." she says. Not far away, another Midland branch has been turned into a wine shop.

The new restaurateurs like the loftiness of banking halls. "We have not had a single application to demolish. The banks don't even object when their buildings are proposed for listing," says Manhew

The problem of vacant bank oremises is at its most severe central London. Paul Velluet of English Heritage says: "At the last count there were ten wholly vacant banking halls out of 31 in the heart

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Princes Street, which NatWest is seeking to develop behind the façades. Yet round the corner NatWest is busy on a model conversion, turning the banking half at 41 thbury into a public exhibition space.

Paul Velluet points to a problem. "Prestige London banks tend to have only one door onto the street, it's easy enough to find a restaurant or wine bar to take on the banking hall and use the vaults as a kitchen, but it's very difficult to get separate access to the upper floors." A recent book. Temples of

Mammon, shows how seriously the high street banks took their architecture from an early date. Banks chose their architects in different ways.

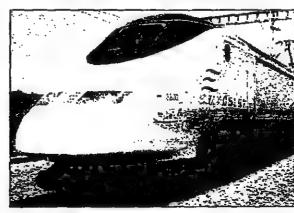
The National Provincial gave virtually all its work between the wars to two salaried architects. F.C.R. Palmer and W.F.C. Holden. The Westminster discovered Septimus Warwick, whose designs were acclaimed at the Royal Academy, and Martin's best work was done by Darcy Braddell.

The Midland used Lutyens and was alone in building many single-storey banks, with a banking half fronted by lofty columns and nothing above. "We are bankers, not property owners," said architect, Affred Gotch, who had such confidence in the impregnability of the Midland strong-rooms that he felt that there was no need for anyone to live on the premises.

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Calculating credit for time spent in custody on remand

Regina v Governor of Brockhill Prison. Ex parte Regina v Governor of Onley Young Offender Institution

Rugby. Ex parte Reid Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice. Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Blofeld

Where concurrent sentences were imposed on a prisoner in respect of offences for which he had spent periods in custody o remand, the term he was required remand time relating to those offences, save that time could never count more than once, and not only by the specific period of remand referable to the latest tence to expire. The Queen's Bench Divisional

I granting applications by Michele Evans and Paul Reid for leave to more for judicial review of de-cisions calculating their respective release dates which did not take account of all separate periods of custody on remand prior to the imposition of concurrent sentences 2 declaring that each applicant was entitled to release on licence. In the first case on September 17, and in the second case immediate-

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, OC and Mr Pete Wetherby for the first applicant: Mr Michael Mansfield. QC and Mr Martin Soorjoo for the second applicant; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Michael Fordham for the respondents.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. delivering the judgment of the court, said that if a defendant spent time in custody awaiting trial for a he was sentenced to a term of custody, the term he was required to serve would be reduced by the period spent in custody before unless during that presentence period he was in custody offence for which he was

if he spent time in custody awaiting trial for more than one offence, and was sentenced to consecutive terms of custody on required to serve would be reduced

custody before sentence, subject to any rate so long as the period spent on remand for any offence did not exceed the period to be served of the consecutive sentence imposed

The present applications concerned a third situation; where a defendant spent time in custody awaiting trial for more than one offence, and was on conviction sentenced to concurrent or overlapping terms of custody, to what extent was account to be taken of time spent in custody

In the first application, the applicant had in January 1996 been sentenced to two years imprisonment for robbery. and three months for assault, All total sentence being two years.

in May 1995 she had been two days in police custody before being bailed. In June 1995 she was re-arrested and held in custody on until August when she was bailed custody. For 73 days from October 1995 until January 1996 she was remanded in custody on the rob-

His Lordship said that on the respondent's calculation the two-731 days. To calculate the date on which her sentence expired the respondent deducted the 73 days spent in custody in relation to the robbery charge, that being the longest, and in the respondent's On that basis the effective sentence was one of 658 days and expired on October 30, 1997.

To calculate her conditional release date, the respondent took the length of the sentence as reduced by the 73 days remand time on the robbery charge and deducted 365 days, the period of the sentence which a short-term prisoner was not obliged to serve. That yielded a total of 293 days.

The applicant accepted 731 days as the length of the sentence but sought to deduct from it 135 days, being the sum of the 62 days on remand for burglary, including the 60 days spent at the same time on the assault charge, plus the 73

a total effective sentence of 596 date of August 29, 1997.

To calculate her conditional release date, deducting the 368 days which did not need to be served by a short-term prisoner, a figure of 231 days was obtained. The essential difference between

the two modes of calculation was

The respondent allocated time spent in custody to the particular offence for which the applicant had custody. Thus, since the sentences were all imposed at the same time and the longest imposed was that of two years for robbery, that period was reduced only by the 73 days spent in custody on that charge. The 62 days did not reduce the period the applicant was

The applicant did not seek to count twice the period of 60 days when she was held for the burglary and assault charges but did claim that the 62 days for the robbery charge should be added length of the total sentence. The second application.

required to serve.

The respondent's approach had been called the particular approach, and that of the applicant the aggregate approach.

Relevant statutory provisions His Lordship referred to section 33(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which required the secretary of state to release on licence a short-term prisoner, such as each applicant, after serving one half of the sentence; and to section 51(2) which required any reference. however expressed, to the term of imprisonment to which a person had been sentenced, whether consecutive or wholly or parily concurrent, to be treated as a single term.

time was to count towards time served, applied by subsection (1) to any person whose sentence fell to Criminal Justice Act 1967 by any relevant period within the mean ing of that section, and provided by subsection (2) that for purposes of hether a person had served one-half of his sentence the relevant period was to be treated as

His Lordship said that both applicants were thus obliged to erve one half of their sentences but, in determining whether they had done so, the period to be served had to be treated as reduced histice Act 1967 defined as the

Section 67(IA) of the 1967 Act. as amended by section 49 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, provided that "relevant period" meant: "(a) any period during which the offender was in police detention in connection with the offence for which the sentence was d; or (b) any period during which he was in custody — (i) by reason only of having been committed to custody by an order of a court made in connection with any proceedings relating to that sentence or the offence for which it

Section 104(2) of the 1967 Act ravided that any reference, ho ever expressed, to the term of which a person had been sentenced or which, or part of which, he had served, consecutive terms and wholly or partly concurrent terms were to be treated as a single

The argument The respondents had contended The respondents had contended that the particular approach was required by the language of section 67(IA)(b)(I) and its reference to a period during which an offender had been in custody "in connection with any proceedings relating to

which it was passed". Thus, it was said, time spent in custody in connection with proceedings relating to offence A could not serve to reduce the sentence imposed for offence B. It senience was passed for what offence and what period was spent in custody in connection with ngs relating to that sentence or that offence.

104(2) of the 1967 Act and 51(2) of the 1991 Act could have little or no bearing. The earlier subsec was directed to the calculation, for the later subsection which was also directed to determining whether a person was a long-term or a short-

alternatively section 10425 of the

(i) since any reference to the term of imprisonment to which a prisit might be expressed, was to be understood as treating consecutive terms and wholly or partly concurrent terms as a single term; and (ii) since, unless the contrary

intention appeared, words in the singular included the plural, the zence or sentences passed by offences for which it or they were pessed, had to be treated as giving rice whether the sentences were concurrent or consecutive, ingle term in reduction of which the whole period of pre-sentence custody, unless served for some unrelated reason, was to be set in calculating the release date. The cases and the commentaries

The respondents had relied on four decisions of the Divisional Court, to which his Lordship referred and in which the particular approach applied to concurrent sentences had been upheld: $R \nu$ Governor of Blundeston Prison, Ex parts Gaffney (1982) I WLR 696), R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Exparts Read ((1987) 9 Cr App R (S) 206). R v Governor of HM Prison Styal, Ex parte Mooney (1996) 1 Cr App R (S) 74) and Er parte Woodward parte Wilson (unreported,

June 24, 1996, DCJ. He also referred to criticism of that approach and those decisions expressed by Dr D. A. Thomas in Criminal Law Review [1995] pp753-4), Current Sentencin Practice News (Issue 4, Augus 1995) and Current Sentencing Practice News (Issue 4, November 1996) and to the decision of the Divisional Court in R v Secretary of State for the Home Depart-ment, Ex parte Naughton (The

In that case, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell had agreed both as to the absurdity of the particular approach as contended for in relation to consecutive sentences and in CONCUTOR STIEVES

Although the facts did not there would have preferred the former.

Section 33(I) of the 1991 Act required the secretary of state to release each of the applicants after serving one-half of their sentences. the word "sentence" being inter-preted in the light of section 51(2). at any reference to a term of nment however expressed, was to be treated as a single term even though made up of consecutive or wholly or partly

The length of the single term for that purpose was dependent on the semience as pronounced by the court; see section 67(4) of the 1967

In the case of consecutive sentences, the single term was plain the total of the individual sentence ordered to be served consecutively. That was so whether the sentence were imposed on the same or

If concurrent sentences were single term would in effect be the longest of the concurrent terms because that would be the last ntence to expire.

were imposed on different occa-sions they had still to be treated as a single term, but the terminal date of the sentence pronounced by the court would not necessarily be that the longest of the concurrent

It would, however, be the terminal date of the last sentence to expire, which might or might not be the longest of all the sentences. In the case of concurrent sentences it was not, obviously, a question of adding the relevant sentences together but of seeing which expired last.

section 41(1) and (2) of the 1991 Act had to be read subject to section 51(2). A short-term prisoner was served such part of the one half of his sentence he was required to serve as was to be regarded as a "relevant part" of that sentence as defined in section 67(LA) of the 1967

peared to be no practical distinc-tion between police detention in section 67(IA)(a) and custody in paragraph (b). It seemed clear, as was held in Ex parte Naughton. that "only" in paragraph (b)(i) was

unrelated to the offence or offences sentences were passed.

Sections 51(2) and 104(2), as the court read those provisions, focused attention on the overall term ordered to be served as distinct from the terms, whether consecutive or concurrent, which contributed so or went to make up that

On that construction it would, at first blush, seem illogical and eration of the individual sentent contributing to or making up the overall term in order to determine what period of custody on remand was to be set against each.

The argument for doing so language in section 67(IA). But by Act 1978 words in the singular

contrary intention appeared. Since section 67(IA) applied to single as well as multiple sentences there was good reason to use the singular. In the court's judgment a contrary intention did not appear. plication of the statutory rule of interpretation. Considerations of justice pointed in the same

Time spent in custody in relation to any of the offences for which to reduce the term to be served. subject always to the condition that time could never be counted more than once.

that it should not depart from previous Divisional Court decisions unless satisfied that they were wrong. Its reluctance was the er when, as in the present case, the authorities had rightly founded their practice on those

The court was, however, of the previously put on the legislative provisions under review in the resent case was wrong and that hat construction was capable of producing, and in some of the decided cases had produced

fidence from the clear view expressed by Mr Justice Curtis in Ex narte Mooney (1996) I Cr App R the practice of sentencing judges to take account of the particular approach upheld in Ex pine Gaffney when passing sentence.

The court had been referred to no reported case in which a jidge had adopted that practice, nothad any member of the present constitution done so. In one of the insunt cases, sentence had been passed in the judge's helief and with his intention that the criendant would be released very

At the time of passing series the information necessary b decide, in applying the particular approach, what periods of presentence custody would or would not be taken into account would by no means always be available to the sentencing judge

It had, in the court's experien been the practice to assume that all periods of custody before lentence, other than custody withly un-related to the offences for which sentence was passed, would count against the period of the sentence to be served.

The principle that a pr release date should be beyond dispute and that the provisions governing it should be apply was of great importance for administration.

It was not, on any showing, a test which the pres met. They were not clear to the courts, or the legal profes prisoners, or, it seemed, in the prison authorides. They were cerly not simple:

It appeared that defendants were remaining in prison when the ntencing court did not intend that they should.

The Law Commission had escribed it as an important leature of any criminal justice system be accessible and comprehensible and had recommended the enactment of a comprehensive satutory consolidation of sentencing pro-

drew attention to the urgest need for such a statute. The cour hoped that that might be seen ask task commanding a high degree of

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dant was not represented and did realisation of the property by seeking too high a price or delibequity. The lenders resisted the 30 of the Administration of Instice be insufficient to discharge the power to suspend the lender's right erately procrastinating on It did not support the making of LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS order for sale pursuant to section sell property in which there was The effect of section 36, as The specific delimitation of the

Cheltenham and Gloucester plc v Krausz and Another Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Millett and Lord

Ljudgment October 22i The county court had no jurisdiction to suspend a warrant for a possession of mortgaged property n order to enable the borrower to apply to the High Court for an order for sale of the property under section 91(2) of the Law of Property

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Cheltenham and Gloucester plc against an order of Judge Green in Shoreditch County Court staying execution on a warrant for pos session of a property mortgaged to it by the defendants, Aaron Krausz and Rebecca Josephine Krausz, pending an application to the High Court under section 91(2).

Ms Kathryn Purkis for the second defendant; the first defendischarge the mortgage debt.
The lenders had obtained an

order for possession with the intention, not of proceeding to sale, but of waiting in the hope that the market might improve. The bor-rower wanted the property sold so as to reduce the mortgage debt on which interest was accruing at an

alarming rate. The court held that, as the lenders could buy the property themselves if they wished to spec late on an increase in its value, the property should be sold.
In Barrett v Halifax Building

said that Palk v Mortgage Services Funding pic (1993) Ch 330) estabcourt had power under section 91(2) to make an order for sale on notwithstanding that the proceeds of sale would be insufficient to

situation was one of negative

same time making proposals for the repayment of any resulting

exercising his discretion,

The consequences of the procewould be open to the borrower to resist an order for possession on the ground that he wished to ain a better price by remaini in possession and selling the

in not every case would the primary motive for such an application be the wish to always on be the wish to obtain a better price than that which the lender was likely to obtain on a forced sale. Often the borrower

would be anxious to postpone the evil day when he had to leave his

those in reasonable time.

If possession was to be susreasonable in order to give borrowers the opportunity to sell the property themselves, the courts were going to have to enter into an area of difficult factual inquiry in order to decide in the individual vhether or not that course would be to the common benefit of mortgagor and mortgagee.

Furthermore there would be obvious practical difficulties for lenders in monitoring the negotiations of borrowers who permitted time to market their For those reasons it seemed that

tended fundamentally to under mine the value of the lender's

The right of the lender to enter into possession of the mortgaged property was one which the comprotected strictly. The rigours of the common law in that respect were mitigated by section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970, later amended by section

mended, on the power to suspend assession was as follows: The power could be exercised to enable the borrower to pay off - intend that the court should have instalment arrears due under the any wider jurisdiction to cartail the other than the sale of the mortgaged property, but 2 if the borrower intended to sell

the mortgaged property to provide the source of payment, the court had to be satisfied that the proceeds would be sufficient to discharge the entirety of the mortgage Before the decision in Palk it med that section 36 and section

91 were complementary. application under section 91 would only be contemplated where the proceeds of sale were expected to exceed the mortgage debt. In those circumstances section 36 gave the court power to suspend possession to enable an application for sale under section 91 to be made.

It was, however, quite clear that section 36 did not empower the court to suspend possession in order to permit the mortgagor to sell the mortgaged premises where the proceeds of sale would not suffice to discharge the mortgage debt, unless of course other funds would be available to the borrower to make up the shortfall A borrower seeking relief in the ircumstances of Palk was thus

gnoes that the lender's rights were of particular

It was questionable whether the principle of the inherent jurisdio-

negative equity and where the sole object with which the borrower sought that order was to preven in possession. Even if one assumed that the

Chancery court had power to order sale of mortgaged property on terms that displaced the lender's right to possession, it did not follow that the county court, as part of its inherent jurisdiction. could properly suspend an order or warrant for possession in order to enable a borrower to apply to the

such an order where the linder was taking active steps to chain possession and enforce its searchy Still less did it support the fiving

borrower in a case where there was negative equity and thelender was likely to have the greater incentive to obtain the bet price and the outckest sale. Both those steps were aken in Barren and his Lordslip had serious doubts whether hat case
was rightly decided. In fargest to
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The lenders did not contend that they would be able to obtain a better price but urged that if the sale went ahead it would break permit borrowers with negative equity themselves to conduct the sale of their property without at the

The judge had held that that was not a material circumstance which he ought to take into account when

dure followed in Barrett appeared to be far reaching. In any case in which there was negative equity it

There would be a danger, if the lender did not obtain possession, that the borrower would delay the

Cheltenham and Gloucester

Before Lord Justice Millett and

The county court had jurisdiction

to give the conduct of a sale of a

property to a morngagee while postponing the execution of a

warrant for possession until completion of the sale, although

the circumstances in which such a

course would be appropriate were

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff

ter plc. against the order of Judge

Mitchell at Stoke on Trent County

Court on April 30, 1996 postponing

execution of a warrant for pos-

session of a property against the defendant borrowers. Robert and

Susan Booker, but giving the plaintill conduct of the sale of the

property. The court directed that

the warrant for possession could

Ms Elizabeth Ovey for the

plaintiff; the defendants did not

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said

that the issue was whether the

court had jurisdiction, and if so in

what circumstances should it ex-

ercise such jurisdiction, to give conduct of a sale to a lender while

postponing the execution of the warrant for possession until

The plaintiff said that there were

I Where the power to suspend

execution given by section 36(2) of

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1970 could not be exercised hersiuse

it did not appear to the court that

that Act, read in conjunction with

completion of the sale.

three questions of principle.

be executed immediately.

pic v Booker and Another

Lord Justice Potter

hard to envisage.

[Judgment November 14]

in the county court and the issue tended to be whether there were was likely to be able to discharge

the procedure followed in Barrett

Power to stay possession until

lender sells property Justice Act 1973, were satisfied or assession prior to sale. where the court decided in the exercise of its discretion that the nower should not be exercised, did the county court nevertheless have a residual inherent jurisdiction to

> to have entrusted the conduct of 2 If it had such a jurisdiction, could the sale to the borrower. that jurisdiction be exercised to ladeed, there was an inherent suspend execution for an indeterminate period? 3 Was it in principle appropriate to pend execution pending sale

> when the conduct of the sale was entrusted to the lender rather than to the horrower? According to Birmingham Citi-Caunt ([1962] Ch 883, 912) and Royal Trust Co of Canada v Markham (1473 | WLR 1416, 1420) there was a strictly limited residua jurisdiction to postpone the giving no jurisdiction to make an order of of possession to the lender for a short period in order to ena

suspend execution of a warrant for

property to be sold by the bor-If so, it was difficult to deny the existence, at least in theory, of a similar jurisdiction to defer the possession in order enable the property to be sold by the leader.

If the court was satisfied:

mpletion of the sale but only by the purchasers on completion. (b) that the presence of the borrowers pending completion would enhance, or at least not depress, the sale price: lef that the borrowers would cooperate in the sale; and (d) that they would give possession to the purchasers on

there was no reason in principle

(a) that possession would not be

However, experience showed that those conditions were seldom likely to be satisfied and the diction should be exercised sparingly and with great caution.
If they existed the court was likely

the sale to the lender and leaving ing completion. The obtaining of possession was part of the necessary arrangements for sale and the party having conduct of the sale ought normally to have the right to decide when possession should be obtained from those in occupation.

Accordingly, while his Lordship rould not hold that the court had

the kind made by the judge, he found it difficult to envisage circumstances in which it would be appropriate. Such an order should certainly be a rarity, and only if the necessary conditions were The judge had said that he had made the order so that the plaintiff could realise the security at the best possible price by an early sale of the property and that the highest price would be achieved in the

defendants while they remained in In fact the evidence showed that the defendants were unlikely in the extreme to cooperate with the tiff and the order had not been appropriate in those circum-Lord Justice Potter agreed.

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ent of total cooperation by the

power given by section 36 made it clear that the legislation did not

right enabled the lender to exercise his power of sale in the manner he chose and in the confidence that he could offer a purchaser Section 36 circumscribed that right where the proceeds of sale

were likely to discharge the mort-gage debt. It did not do so where the mortgage debt would not be: fully discharged and it was in

tion of the court could justify the court in exercising its power to order a sale of mortgaged property under section 91 in circum

High Court for an order under LORD JUSTICE MILLETT, oncurring, said that Palk established that where the lender had no wish to realise its security in the foreseeable future the borrower might obtain an order for sale even

tion was resisted on purely prag-matic grounds and somewhat feeble ones at that,

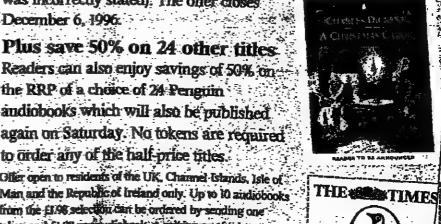
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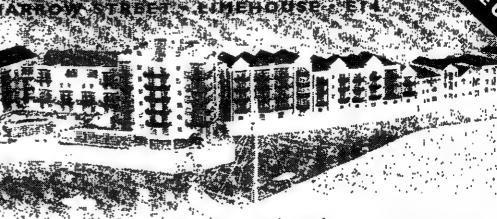
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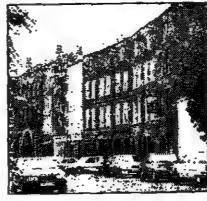
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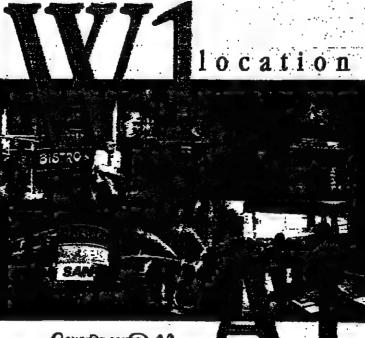
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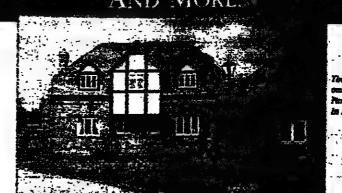
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The Simmonses turned an unremarkable bungalow into a spacious luxury cottage. Rachel Kelly finds out how





The bungalow, above, that Dave and Chris Simmons bought was the wrong property in the right place. Eleven years, £62,000 and many sleepless nights later, the transformation, right, is complete

Dull bricks to a thatched dream

ow you see a plain 1920's bungalow; now a magnificent chocolare-box thatched cottage. It is hard to believe the one could ever he transformed into the other. Yet Dave Simmons and his wife Chris achieved it.

The couple began work four years ago on their unprepossessing bungalow at Tippens Wood in Berkshire with the aim of raising the roof to create space for a new master bedroom and a spare.

They had bought the bungalow in 1985 for its 34 acres of woodland, rather than out of love for the property itself.

Buy a house's location, not the actual house," says 49-year-old Mr Simmons. "With enough time and ambition, you can change the

Fur years Mr and Mrs Simmons, who run their own engineering business, had squirrelied away architectural sketches and ideas - mostly from House Beautiful magazine - for trans-forming their home into the thatched cottage of their dreams. But they had to postpone starting work until it was financially

viable for them. During the winter of 1991-92. they worked out what it would cost to remortgage the property District Council. Then one day the following summer, they finally donned their hard hats and made

The couple are both keen on-DIY - just as well, because their budget allowed only for the cost of hiring a plasterer, a bricklayer and a thatcher. Mr Simmons turned plumber and rewiring expert with the help of a Readers' Digest manual and a few precautionary calls to the local electri-cian. Mrs Simmons became a dab hand with a paintbrush.

Mrs Simmons, 48, says: "I am a self-confessed DIY addict who rarely watches television, preferring to scout around the house for jobs to do. Part of the reason for leaving our previous house was that I was bored with having nothing to do."

When planning the extension, they wanted to make use of their experience of living in the proper-ty — how the light fell on it at different times of day, for instance. So they drew the designs for an extension and a second floor themselves.

At first, thatched roofs were not a part of their plans. "We thought we would be more likely to get planning permission for a tiled roof with bedrooms in the space.

for £50,000, and produced a below," Mrs Simmons says. "But schedule of work-for Wokingham the council objected, because the roof would have been too high for a conservation area. They were more likely to agree to a thatched roof - which we had always wanted but never dared to ask for

- because it was more in keeping with the local countryside."

most modern buildings need to have timber trusses added to them to give a greater slope. Thatched cottages are relatively few in number in Berkshire, but

allow rainwater to run off it, so

the Simmonses managed to find a thatcher called Geoff Sharp, who spent nine weeks providing them with the roof they wanted. It is



The DIY enthusiasts relax in the living room they designed

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Opting for a tiled roof would have saved them £10,000. But they decided that for the sake of creating their dream home, it would be too much of a

"We did not even bother to get a quote for tiles," Mr Simmons says. "It might have put us off. If you want a Rolls-Royce, don't ask how much a Mini costs. It will only depress you."

To keep costs minimal, they planned to retain the shell of the bungalow and remain in situ while the conversion was built. But builders advised them that the roof would have to be completely

The summer weather betrayed them. The very afternoon we took the roof off, the heavens opened and the rain came pouring in all over the furniture, fusing the lights," recalls Mr Simmons. "We and our three dogs, and one of our sons, had to move into a caravan until the October."

The pair enlisted the help of their two sons, 21-year-old Brynly and Karl, 24, whose expertise in woodwork proved invaluable when he built a galleried staircase to the new second floor. The house also boasts a central porch carved from the remains of a Victorian summerhouse.

For the Simmonses, the greatest pleasure has come from doing the work themselves.

"It is a matter of being in the right frame of mind," says Mr Simmons. "We did it for the satisfaction, not the money."

The bungalow originally cost E172,000. The Simmonses reckon that they have spent £62,000 transforming it - £12,000 more than they budgeted for, but about half what it would have cost to use builders. They believe the house is now worth about £500,000.

Did they ever contemplate abandoning the project? "You cannot ever think that way," says Mr Simmons. "You get to a point of no return when the house is half-finished and no one will buy it. If you begin to doubt then, it could defeat you."

Mrs Simmons is equally insistent. "I never want to leave," she says. "My sons put so much effort into it. It was a family effort and it is a family house."

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Only the old want mod cons

Forget the notion of the rebellious young. Younger buyers hanker after traditional homes. research from Savills reveals.

The estate agents report that wooden windows and front doors, wooden flooring and wood-burning stoves are among the features they look for. As buyers get older, the demand for traditional features such as cornicing and dado rails decreases. Older buyers are far more likely to want UPVC doors and windows, and are more enthusiastic about fitted "mod cons" such as microwave ovens and waste-disposal units.

Savills asked 2,000 people who had just bought new homes what they were looking for. The agency's Richard Donnell says: "Builders should recognise that for a small cost and by doing very simple things, they can make the houses they are offering much more attractive to buyers."

In an age of bespoke housing, buyers know what they want. And more often than not, says David Mote of the House Builders Federation, builders comply, "Buyers of new-build homes are a more discerning breed," he says. "The stereotype is that they are lazy and want a new house ready to live in. This is not true. They want a house, with the essentials, that they can then use as a blank canvas,"

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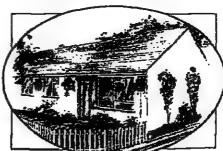
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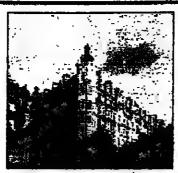
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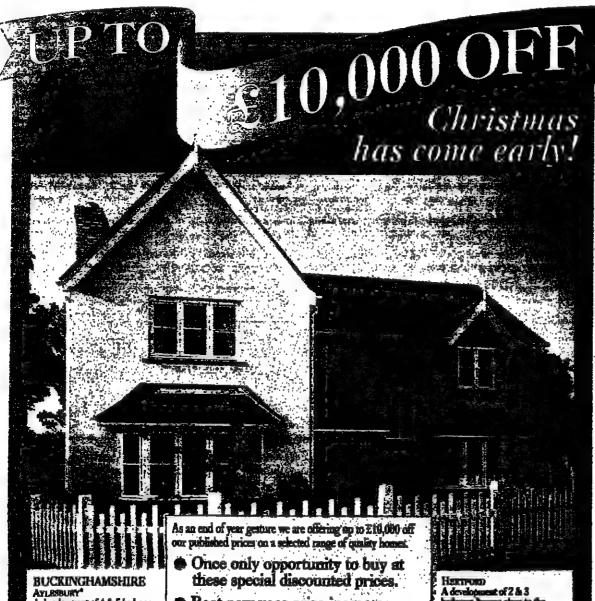


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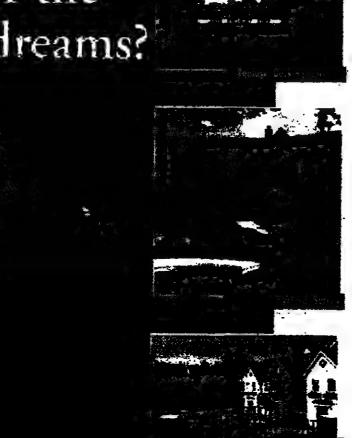
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BHB acts to protect popularity of National

By JULIAN MUSCAT

RACING'S rulers have taken steps to protect the popularity of the Martell Grand National by widening the parameters which entitle borses to contest the Aintree spectacular.

In an effort to counter last year's disappointing entry. when 27 horses from a maximum field of 40 faced the starter, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) has lowered the minimum rating qualification and increased the burden carried by the topweight. The latter condition will also apply in all handicaps of 3'2 miles and beyond. From January 1, the best horse entered for such handi-

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Nap: UNGUIDED MISSILE (2.10 Haydock Park) Vext best: Queen Of Spades (1.10 Haydock Park)

caps will be allocated 12st, as opposed to list 10th, And should the weights require raising due to defections, the topweight will carry !!st 10fb. as opposed to list 7lb. At the other end of the handicap, the minimum qualification for entry has been reduced by 101b to include horses officially as-

These subtle but important changes to the Grand National conditions should increase field sizes in two respects. The greater weight assigned to the highest-rated



Last season's Martell Grand National winner, Rough Quest, poses with his trainer, Terry Casey, left, and owner, Andrew Wates, right

ers. John Smee, an executive

from the BHB's race-planning

to run off their proper handicap rating, in the process making the race more competitive. And the lowering of the minimum standard makes more horses eligible for entry. Charles Barnett, managing director at Aintree, said yester-

day: "Our objective is to

the same time producing a field as close as possible to the safety factor of 40." The measures have become necessary on account of dramatic changes to the National's pro-

file in recent years.

The softening of Aintree's once-formidable obstacles has , encouraged connections of the

the average rating attained by best steeplechasers to target the race. This has forced more chasers over the last five years has regressed by 15lb. and more horses to compete Overall, 299 chasers qualifrom out of the handicap, particularly as the sport has fied for entry to last season's Grand National. The effect of witnessed a steep decline in the number of high-class chaslowering the minimum rating

by 10th would have made a

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introduced six years ago after the fate of horses totally unsuited to the demands of Aintree effectively brought the race into disrepute.

Barnett said yesterday: These safeguards must be maintained. The new rating further 163 chasers eligible. still protects this objective The minimum rating was while offering more National

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The industry-wide belief was that the minimum rating had been pitched too high; Killeshin, who won the Foxhunters' Chase over the National fences in 1995, was prevented from contesting this year's National when he narrowly failed to attain the official standard.

Prize-money for the Grand National on April 5 has been raised to an estimated value of £300,000. Over £830,000 will be on offer over the fixture. Martell, whose Grand National backing won the International Sponsorship of Sport award at the inaugural convention in Geneva last month, will inject close to £500,000 into the three-day meeting.

Rough Quest, who pre-vailed over Encore Un Peu in a tense finish seven months ago, again has the 42-mile chase on his agenda. Terry Casey, who trains the horse, said yesterday: "Rough Quest's targets for the season are the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National. Before that, we hope to run him in the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day."

Casey plans to run Rough Quest, who sustained minor tendon damage last month, at Cheltenham on December 13. "That looks the logical place to start the season," he said, "but he won't go unless we are totally satisfied with him. We are not obsessed by the King George." He added he would be happy to saddle Rough Quest at Aintree if the tenyear-old was allocated the new maximum impost of L2st.

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Milkins is poised to upset Hendry

STEPHEN HENDRY, the holder, faced unexpectedly spirited opposition when he was held 4-4 by Robert Milkins, the world No 231, in the second round of the United Kingdom championship at Preston Guild Hall yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

The world champion, attempting to extend his unbeaten sequence in this event to 14 matches, again exhibited the inconsistency that contributed to many anxious moments before he beat Dominic Dale 9-6 in the first round on Saturday.

Hendry lost the second frame on the pink after missing a straightforward green, but threatened to establish a sizeable overnight advantage when he forged 4-1 ahead with runs of 74, 82 and 108,

However, the Scot's form dipped considerably in the closing three frames of the session as Milkins gave himself the opportunity to cause a major upset when the best-of-17-frames contest reaches its conclusion this afternoon.

Paul Hunter, a promising 8-year-old from Leeds, who whitewashed Willie Thorne 9-0 in the previous round, put together runs of 100 and 136 in consecutive frames on the way to building a 5-3 lead over James Wattana, of Thailand.

Gallian stays

Cricket: Jason Gallian, the Lancashire batsman, has been spared the disappointment of withdrawing from the England A tour of Australia after specialists confirmed that his finger injury would not restrict his future participation on the remainder of the trip.

Gallian has been little more than a spectator after sustaining two separate finger injuries in the three weeks since the party arrived. He injured the little finger on his right hand fielding in the opening defeat against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth, which ruled him out of the games against South Australia, but he recovered in time for the match against the Australian Cricket Academy.

His contribution, however, was minimal after being hit on the index finger of the same hand in the first innings. He was unable to field for either of the Academy's innings and was not needed to bat again.

Boniol kicks in

American football: Chris Boniol equalled a National Football League record as the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Green Bay Packers 21-6 on Monday. Boniol joins Jim Bakken, of the St Louis Cardinals, and Rich Karlis, of the Minnesota Vikings, as the only players to kick seven field goals in a game.

Law leaves

Cricket: Danny Law, the allrounder, became the second Sussex player to leave the club within the week yesterday. Law, 21, has joined Essex on a three-year contract, following Ian Salisbury, the leg spinner, now with Surrey. Law had been with the club since he

Pendrigh wins

Real tennis: Nigel Pendrigh survived a tense five-set match against Andrew Lyons in his opening match of the British Lamb British Open Championship at Queen's Club. Pendrigh dropped the first two sets, but after taking the third set, he began cutting the ball to an immaculate length and dropped just two more games as he clinched the match.

New coach

Hockey: Jon Royce, head of PE at Kingston Grammar School, will coach the England team that is to play in the six-nation Golden Jubilee tournament in Karachi. Pakistan. from March to to 23, 1997. It is a temporary appointment but Royce has been confirmed as coach of the England Under-21 team for the Junior World Cup in September next year. ☐ Robert Hill, the former England and Great Britain international, has rejoined Hayant.

China rally

Badminton: A surprise defeat for Peter Knowles, who begins the defence of his Scottish Open title in Glasgow tomorrow, made sure that the result of England's six-match series with China would not be decided until the final match in Sheffield last night. England's series lead, once 3-0. was reduced to 3-2 after a 4-1 defeat at Mansfield on Monday night.

Full service expected to be resumed today HOPES are high that normal service can no snow and no frost," Philip Arkwright,

be resumed today despite the first cold snap of the winter. Each of the three tracks scheduled to race has missed the worst of the weather, which made yesterday's Wetherby card the first casualty of the National Hunt season.

No problems are expected at Haydock. which sees the reappearance of last year's Cheitenham Gold Cup third, Couldn't Be Better, in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase. "There is sleet about and it is thoroughly unpleasant but we liave had

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the clerk of the course, said. Conditions are similar at Hereford, where the clerk of the course, John Williams, said: "We had a bare covering of snow but it went in ten minutes. There should be no problems in the slightest." At Kempton a course spokesman explained: "We had quite a bit of snow but nothing settled because it was raining too. No inspection is planned. However, Chartie Brooks is taking no

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Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup hope, Suny Bay, whom he has declared for both the Limber Hill Chase at Kempton and the Edward Hanmer at Haydock. A spokeswoman for Brooks explained: The first preference for Suny Bay is Kempton, but just in case Kempton is off, his second

eference is at Haydock." Wetherby was called off because of heavy snow just before the first race yesterday, with the northern jockeys' safety officer, Mark Dwyer, saying: The

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'Tigermania' quick to take hold Down Under

Patricia Davies meets

the young American stealing the limelight

from Greg Norman at the Australian Open

The man is unreal. He is barely out of his teens, but he conducts himself with a poise that men many years his senior never acquire. He is just a golfer, a profes-sional for less than three months, but already he is threatening to transcend his sport. He is tali, dark, handsome articulate, smart, rich (his deals with Nike and Titleist are worth some \$60 million), has a smile that will turn many a female knee to jelly, is not afraid to speak his mind and has just hit Australia.

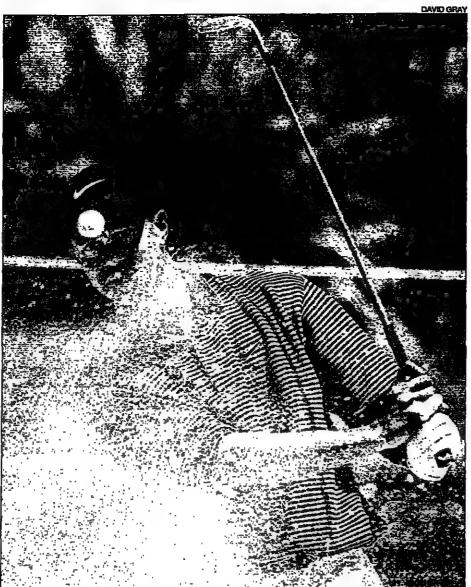
Tiger Woods is the name of this paragon and the 20-yearold American, who has wontwice in his few weeks on the US PGA Tour, earning \$790,000, is the main man at the Holden Australian Open. which starts at The Australian club, in Sydney, tomorrow. It is his first trip overseas as a professional — he was paid about \$250,000 to come - and if the advance publicity is anything to go by, he was worth every cent.

Even Greg Norman, the world No I and the icon of Oz. has been eclipsed and he does not mind a bit. "I think Tigermania is wonderful," he said. "It's good for the Australian Open and the Australian public. If 10,000 people watch him and just a hundred or so watch me, that's fine. Tiger's taken the world by storm and I'm going to enjoy it and let him have all the attention."

That does not bother Woods, who faced the massed ranks of the media with aplomb, answering questions with courte sy and humour. "I think all the attention is because of what I've done lately - winning my third US Amateur and doing what I've done on tour. I'm a fresh face and the media and the fans have jumped on that. but it's no big deal. You've just got to be honest and be

nestioned about appearance money. "I think it's a good thing if you know that the player that you are getting is trying 110 per cent to win. I haven't come here to play for the gallery," he stressed.

Woods, who drew a sizeable crowd to watch him hit 300-yard drives in the pro-am yesterday, added: "It's awfully



Woods explodes from a bunker during a practice round at Sydney yesterday

nice that people come out and watch but I'm here to do my

Woods tends to win with style. Although lightly built, he hits the ball further than anyone else and the galleries gawp. He averaged 309 yards on the US Tour statistics, about 25 yards beyond John Daly, with renowned hitters like Norman, Fred Couples and Tom Watson lagging even further behind. That gets people's attention.

Then there is his colour. In a redominantly white sport, Woods is not white. He is an exotic mixture of mainly African-American (his father) and Thai (his mother). He has had hate mail because of his colour but regards that as a bonus because it means his success is making people think.

His first Nike ads made race an issue — There are still courses where I am not welcome because of the colour of my skin. Are you ready for me world?" - and Woods has every intention of being a force for change, to broaden the reach of the game he loves with a passion. "My parents taught me that you can't side on the grey area," he said.

This week, however, his attention is on the golf. If people's expectations of him are high, they are more than matched by his own. He had an air shot in practice -"Some of the places I put myself in, I'm susceptible to doing that," he smiled - but doubt his ability to cope with a new continent and an unfamiliar golf course.

Twenty years ago, Norman, then 21, played in his first Australian Open at this course. He was paired with Jack Nicklaus and hit his opening drive into a bush -Thank God it's gone now," he said - and did not break 80.

"I was nervous and every body had built me up and I was just humiliated in front of the greatest golfer ever put on this planet." Norman recalled. "I guess I hadn't played long enough to be humble."

So far, Woods, who gave up his degree course at Stanford to play the tour, has had little to be humble about, but he is acutely aware of his good fortune. "I'm very lucky to be doing something I love to do, getting paid to do it and having all these extra perks. Not too many people when they wake up in the morning he said.

might not be ready for that.

If he has flaws - and he is only human, after all - they seem to amount to little more than a lack of culinary adventure (McDonald's is his restaurant of choice), a degree of youthful certitude and the odd wayward drive. The world

RUGBY LEAGUE

Two codes explore new share options

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AS THE two rugby codes forge closer links, Wigan and Wasps have held exploratory talks about the joint funding of transfer signings. Under a proposed arrangement, playwill play rugby union for half the year and rugby league the other half with the contract

costs split between the clubs. It is a proposal fraught with difficulties, not least because of doubts about the capability of players to flit between the two sports, yet Va'aiga Tuigamala is one of those proving that it is at least physically possible. The dual international Western Samoa centre is due back at Wigan in January, from his loan spell in union, but Wasps want him to return next season, perma-

nently if possible. Tuigamala's position at Wigan, where he is contracted to stay for another two years. was the subject of discussions Wright, who has sunk £3.5 million into Wasps, and Jack Robinson, the Wigan chair-man. The idea is that, together, both clubs could attract leading players from either code, in joint deals, similar to the one in which Bedford and London Broncos now own Martin Offiah.

Wigan are also continuing talks with Dave Whelan, the owner of Wigan Athletic Football Club, about a sale of Central Park for more than £4 million, which would end the immediate money

The Rugby Football League remains anxious to cut off the supply of players to union on short-term winter contracts next year. It hopes to achieve this by a longer season. The 22-team world club championship, which will be jointly launched today in Leeds and Sydney, will not finish until the end of October, when Australia are due to tour Britain.

☐ Work starts today on a new £8 million, 14,000-capacity stadium at Widnes. Only the changing-rooms and boardroom at Naughton Park will The crowd limit will be reduced to 3,500 for the first three months of next season.

Mercenaries fated to fall foul of itchy feet

Midweek View

reat God, this is an awful place," Captain Scott wrote in his Antarctic diary. But his problems were as nothing compared with those of Andrea, girlfriend of Emerson, one of the trio of Brazilian footballers signed by the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan

The moment I saw Middlesbrough I felt it was a strange, terrible place," she said. "It seemed so dark and quiet outside and it was always windy and raining." And so she has. remained in Rio, while Emerson returned to do battle with the dark.

We live in an era of globalisation and, as ever, it is sport that dramatises this truth. Thus Terry Venables, the former England football coach, has decided to follow the time-honoured route from law court to

present in the global Olympic Village in Atlanta this summer. The other week, India played Pakistan in a series of one-day cricket matches in Toronto, of all Nobody went to watch, of

course, but they wouldn't, would they? Never mind, the odd billion or so saw the cricket on television back bome in Asia. India-Pakistau cricket galvanises the sub-continent, but needs neutral ground, usually Sharjah to dilute the hostility. The Toronto series was called, by someone with a robust if unsubtle sense of humour, the Friendship

Globalising sport means globalising its superstars, and this is a harder business. For even in the boldest of travellers, the most independent of souis, there lies a streak of the provincial, the

So poor Andrea expresses her preference for Rio over Middlesbrough and most of us who love to sneer at unglamorous provincial towns make the required jokes.
But I recall five of the strangest days of my

life. I was in Rio and the weather was awfully nice, and yet I wanted, not to be in Middlesbrough, but certainly in Hert-I was stuck in a currency collapse, unable

to travel a yard, waiting for a plane to take me to Barbados for the cricket; I had no story to write, knew no one and had nothing to do. I ask for no pity, I was not even overty miserable, but it was a long, bizarre moment of perfect dislocation.

And had you told me that if I pressed a

certain button I would instantly be beamed up to Hertfordshire, I would have damn near broken my finger on it. Andrea, L in Rio and in lovely weather, foreknew your Perhaps it is, above all, the dark that gets people. No wonder the most successful screen:

footballing imports to this country tend to be Scandinavian: compared with their own benighted climes, places such as Middlesbrough must seem havens of light and sun

and joy.

Perhaps reading a few of Strindberg's observations on married life would have cheered Andrea up. Or perhaps all she needed was a few Edvard Munch reproductions: a couple of minutes daily contemplation of The Scream would surely make Teesside seem more like the Copacabana.

But the more satellites, telephones and jumbo jets make the globalisation of sport a reality, the greater the plague of dislocated superstars, holed up in hotels or rented houses, with huge telephone hills and with colleagues and agents instead of friends, interviews and meetings instead of

The globalisation of sport is one of the "I pity the poor immigrant," Bob Dylan facts of modern life there were 197 nations sang, without family or friends, who falls in present in the global Obralove with wealth itself ..." And wealth, of course, is the SIMON BARNES

So here, for the benefit of all superstars, who are planning the next step of their brilliant careers, is Barnes's Cut Out and Keep Guide to Globalisation. And it has but a single point don't do

if for the money.

This may sound a touch silly, since the reason for such a dislocating wrench is to further your career. But there are two ways of looking at a career: a purely fiscal matter, or an exhilarating aspect of your progress through life.

I was a poor immigrant myself once. Through general mismanagement and I managed to find myself

8,000 miles from home without money or job. But I had not gone for money, I had gone for the adventure. I set off with a small sum of money; I returned four years on with rather less. But the adventure left its mark on me, it made me the burn I am today. We can turn on the television and see sport

from all over the world. Everywhere the cameras turn, they are kicking footballs, every nation looks, through the tube to be dizzyingly familiar, the only difference the shade of green they play on. Yet the difference between place and place is as colossal as it ever was.

Globalisation is part fact, part myth, and for the athlete eager to cash in on his talent before the hamstring twangs its last twang, it can be a terrible trap.

Football may be the world's Esperanto. but that does not stop footballers, and more especially their families, from being bitterly

Go west, or east, or north, or south, young man, but only do so if you have adventure in your heart. If it is not an adventure, it is a more brilliant illusion of the flickering

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Some years ago one of Zia Mahmood's "Bols rips" was "if they don't cover, they haven't got it". That was the clue to the successful line in the hand today.

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Unless they contrive to block the suit. the defence have at least four tricks in spades, so the problem is the best way for declarer to make an immediate nine tricks. You might like to consider:

a) the best technical line. b) the best psychological line.

before reading on.

The best technical line is to test the diamonds, finishing in dummy. If the diamonds do not divide, you need four tricks in clubs. Play the ten. intending to run it if East plays small. If the diamonds are worth four tricks, cash the ace of clubs and, if an honour drops, continue with a second high club. If only two tricks

IMAGO

VIRAGO

a. A mirage

b. A Roman bust

c. A perfect insect

b. A whirlwind

a. A man from long ago

c. A bad-tempered woman

are available in clubs, take the heart finesse. Here, that

would fail.

When this hand was played in the TGR £10 game, Brian Jackson, the declarer, eschewed the technical stuff and went for the psychological line. At trick two, he led the queen of hearts. When West played low. Jackson took the new that he was unlikely to have the king, so he rose with the ace. Now, needing at least three tricks in clubs, he ran the ten. He had taken a line which was technically only a 25 per cent chance, as compared with the 50 per cent heart finesse; but it was the one that worked. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes

Monday to Friday in Sport

and in Weekend on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GLEBOUS

c. A fatted ox

a. An organ stop

RHONCHISONANT

Answers on page 50

a. Earthy

b. Snoring

c. Shouting

b. Fat

EENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CURRESPONDENT

Elite review

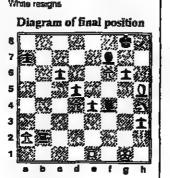
Today I continue my review of elite tournaments of the past which might challenge the Las Palmas event, starting on December 8, for the accolade for strongest tournament of all Having dominated his ri-

vals at the two great tourna-ments of 1895-96 and St Petersburg 1914, the amazing Emanuel Lasker, then 55 years old, also took clear first at New York in 1924. As at St Petersburg ten years earlier, he again outdistanced Capablanca. Alekhine and Marshall, as well as other star players such as Reti, Maroczy, Bogolyubov and Tartakower. In the following game the great Alekhine is strategically outgunned at every stage. White: Alexander Alekhine

Black: Emanuel Lasker Queen's Gambit Declined

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Top ratings

The top World Chess Federation ratings for November are Kasparov 2,794pts, Karpov 2.762, lyanchuk 2,740, Topalov 2,738, Anand 2,735 and Kramnik 2,731. These six will be the participants in Las Palmas. The top ranked British player is Nigel Short on 2692 in world ninth position.

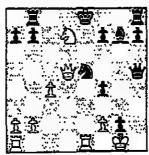
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Keene -Mestel, Esbjerg 1981. White is threatened with mate in one. What is the best way to deal with this?

Solution on page 50



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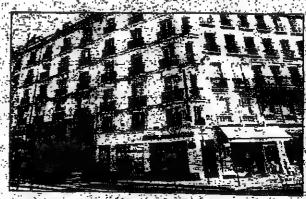
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Schoolboy's strike puts him in a different class

ho can select confi-dently the goal of a lifetime? The best of anything, like the worst, is shaped by taste and first-hand experience. Alistair Cooke once wrote that what we see tends to confirm our opinions, not change them, and he was not far out. It would be hard to admit that Arsenal have ever scored a good goal; others might be more tolerant.

One rule must surely be observed: to have witnessed the goal with one's own eyes. The best ones exist in memory, and need not be authenticated by lens or camera. They acquire a fresh layer of imagination every time they are recalled, which may not be strictly truthful. But literal truth is not strictly the point.

Having spent the first year of my footballing life, so to speak, at Burnden Park, Bolton, Francis Lee features prominently in my list. There

was filing out, and there was a ferocious shot against Huddersfield Town from 30, probably 35, yards.

Years later, in December 1975 to be precise, Sam Allardyce met a corner with a header from around the penalty spot that nearly unhinged the netting in the Sunderland goal. That was memorable, and so was Frank Worthington's swivel and volley in 1979, after an extraordinary juggle with his back to the Ipswich Town goal

Nobody who was at Maine Road in 1970 will ever forget Jimmy Greaves's debut for West Ham United, who won 5-1. That was the afternoon Ronnie Boyce returned Joe Corrigan's punt downfield with a half-voiley from the centre circle that reached the Manchester City goal before Corrigan had returned to tend it. What a fool he looked! A year later, in November 1971, Mike Summerbee tied a

Manchester derby at 3-3 in the last minute with a shot into the same goal. Summerbee

did not score many goals and this was a belter, bringing to a climax the finest match I can recall. Sammy Mcliroy. a strip of a lad at 17, opened the scoring for United on his debut, from a pass by George Two months earlier, Best had scored the goal of his life, against Sheffield United at

Old Trafford. I remember hearing it described at the time on the radio, probably by Maurice Edelston, and it was almost as good as being there. But I wasn't, so it doesn't count. Neither does Eddie Gray's astonishing individual goal against Burnley, after he and dribbled past six or seven free kick for Coventry City



With due consideration for the efforts of Best, Lee and Boniek,

i ever saw

ainst Everton, after Willie Carr had scooped the ball up between his boots. We talked about that at school for weeks, and practised it as well, without much success.

Two really great goals comto Maine Road in early 1975,

Michael Henderson makes a surprisingly scholarly selection volley Juventus's second. Boniek had done nothing until that point, and did little afterwards. It was a magnifias a Derby County player, is well-known. He scored the winner in a 2-1 victory, cutting Yet the man who daims my

in from the left touchline to shoot into the far corner and send Barry Davies, the television commentator, into some far-away verbal galaxy: "Just look at his face!" Derby won the championship that season, and Lee, released by City the previous August, played a significant part in their triumph. Zhigniew Boniek, the Pole, was another marvellous strik-

er of the ball. In March 1983, I travelled on spec to Birmingham to watch the European champions, as Aston Villa were then, play Juventus. The Italians won 2-I but it was not even close. Michel Platini, a truly great player, was in his pomp and

his right foot, for Boniek to

prize was not a professional at all. Tim Turner was a gifted schoolboy at Repton, poached - like many a teenage player before him - by "Scotty" Cheshire, the master of Brook House, who supported Chelsea and later wrote a history of the club. Scotty was one of the men who made public schools great, and his house never knowingly turned out a duff cricket or football team. Turner came from Chester-

field, where his father had apparently established the first Toyota dealership in England, and, in November 1974, he scored a wonderful solo egal on a frozen pitch to win a senior house match. In the same team was one Charles Sale, who instructed

"get a grip, we're letting Henderson run this match," setting standards of veracity he maintains to this day as a sportswriter on The Express. The execution of Turner's

goal, as he kept his footing on the treacherous surface to shoot beyond a hapless goalkeeper, has come back to haunt me in recent years. It serves as a reminder of the reporters often overlook in their cold summaries of matches, and of how good even the most ordinary pro is. Turner was a good enough hatsman to cane Cheltenham College for a big hundred that summer, and a pretty decent footballer, but he never went beyond that level.

So there it is, a goal to remember. I was not "on target" that day but if anybody wants to know about the senior house match final the following year, there's a tale worth telling. **TENNIS**

Outspoken Smith to lead from the front

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAM SMITH, of Essex, who upset Lawn Tennis Association officials at Telford last week by suggesting that women's tennis in Britain was in a bad way, will lead the Britain squad in the European team championships at Redbridge Sports Centre this weekend.

The British No I will be oined by Clare Wood, national champion on three occasions, Megan Miller, 19. of Yorkshire, and Rachel Viollet, of Lancashire.

Britain, who are in the first division, will compete against Poland, Denmark and Spain, with the winners of the group, played on a round-robin format, gaining promotion to the champions' division. The second team in the group remain in the first division with the bottom two being relegated.

Smith and Wood both played in the competition last year, when Britain finished second to Slovakia. Smith will definitely play at first string but Ann Jones, the team captain, may not decide on the second singles player until she

has seen her team in practice. Violler, daughter of the former Manchester United footballer, Dennis Viollet, has a higher world ranking than Wood, but has not been in such good form recently.

☐ Sweden have named an unchanged team for the Davis Cup final against France, which will be Stefan Edberg's ast professional appearance. Edberg's colleagues are Thomas Engvist, the world No 9, and the doubles specialists. Nicklas Kulti and Jonas Bjorkman.

BOXING

Ayers must take the initiative

MICHAEL AYERS, the British lightweight champion. from Tooting, meets Colin Dunne, of Holloway, in a bout that could turn out to be "the fight of the year", at the Wembley Conference Centre tonight (Srikumar Sen

Even though the men have had almost the same number of contests - Avers 22 and Dunne 21 - Avers, aged 31, is the more experienced. He challenged a good champion in Giovanni Parisi, of Italy, for the World Boxing Organisation title and gave a good account of himself. He won the British title by stopping Paul Burke in six rounds and disposed of three challengers

inside the distance. Dunne, 26, is unbeaten with 16 of his bouts ending inside the distance. While his opponents have not been quite of the same quality as those of Ayers, he has one impressive result, beating Jonathan Thaxton in five rounds when boxing for the southern area

Stamina is very likely to be the decisive factor in the bout. Ayers is believed to be having trouble making the weight and Dunne has an incredible work rate that could have Ayers in trouble if he does not take control in the first half.

Joe Calzaghe, the unbeaten Welsh super-middleweight, of whom great things are expectd, has decided to leave Micky Duff, his manager, and box on Frank Warren's promotions. Calzaghe's contract has nine months to run with Duff, who has put the matter in the hands of his solicitors.

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Keane marches in

as Ferguson's soldier of fortune

FOOTBALL

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE ability of Manchester United to stay in the European Cup Champions' League, which generates little short of £100 million, could rest on the immense hunger of Roy Keane in their midfield, on the slender stealth of Alen Boksic in the attack of Juventus, the European Cup holders ... but ultimately on the psychological games the managers play.
Alex Ferguson and his

Juventus counterpart, Marcello Lippi, are agreed on one factor: that Keane, who missed the first encounter between their teams, which the Italians won, in Turin, in September, is the "soldier", or me "soul" of United's endeavdistracted by a late arrival in the north of England caused by the harsh blast of winter yesterday, has lately proved a master of the art of sterility. His Juventus side, virtually rebuilt in the summer, has conceded seven goals in nine games in Serie A so far this season, but scored only 11. That speaks of the dreaded hand of coution, the overbearing organisation for which Italian champions were once

renowned. Which Juventus is coming to Old Trafford tonight? The une that beat Rapid Vienna 5-0 in the last round of Champions' League matches, or the Internazionale on home territory in the Copa Italia on

Wednesday?
That defeat was, of course, contrived. Juventus put out half a team, clearly revealing their priority, and got back to basics with a scoreless home draw against AC Milan on Sunday night. Thus, they lost more than 24 hours in recuperation time compared to United, whose 1-0 victory over Arsenal arrested their most distressing sequence of the past two decades.

However, with Juvenius, it is all about motivation. They need just one point to be mathematically sure of reach-



ing the quarter-finals, are preparing for a prestige visit to Tokyo, where they meet River Plate, of Argentina, for the World Club Championship next Tuesday. Prestige does not pay nearly so many bills as the real thing in

Yet the caus is on Limited to attack the game, to show patience if Juventus frustrate them, but surely to be more courageous than in Turin, where they fired not one shot

on goal. There, Eric Cantona was a forlorn and isolated figure, snuffed out by the centre backs, Paolo Montero and Ciro Ferrara, "When I saw Cantona waving his arms and calling for support," Lippi said, "I knew it was going well for us." He also knew, when Ryan Giggs was withdrawn, blamed by his manager for loose passing, that United had lost self-belief.

Curiously, apart from the



Keane: aggression

recall of Keane after suspension, Ferguson has gone to considerable lengths to praise the penetration, the electric runs, of Giggs. Those runs with the ball tied to his feet Saturday. "He lifts the spirit, ignites the crowd." Psychology? Ferguson is dever enough at it to have built an almost peerless decade for himself at Old Trafford. Thus, he sug-gests it will do his team good to have lost to Fenerbahce: they will be better for having lost their unbeaten home

record in Europe. The Manchester United manager talks with passion of the need for the 50,000-plus crowd, even the freeloaders in the hospitality boxes, to let the Italians hear their voices. In return, Keane will respond

> with coual passion. Providing he keeps it within bounds and stays on the field, Keane will be charged with suppressing the whiplash passing of Zinedine Zidane and Didier Deschamps, the Frenchman not at all put down by Cantona's derogatory description of him as "a water-carrier."

> Keep the French quiet, stifle Juventus, and still you must beware the elegance of Alessandro Del Piero and the Croatian, Boksic.

He is a man for the Euro pean nights. While Lippi has rotated his full squad of 20 players in four European games, he cannot resist the scoring potency of Boksic, who has scored eight times in 16 European games, including the final itself, for Olympique Marseille. In Europe this season he has scored the solitary winner against United, the solitary winner against Fenerbahçe, and two of the five against Vienna.

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable: 4-4-1-1) P Scrimerchel — G Neville, D Mey, R Johnsen, D Javan (or P Neville) — D Beckham, N Butt, R Keane, R Gaggs — E Cambria — O-G Soldigaer.

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Liverpool's eyes on

the summit

LIVERPOOL, who will go to the top of the FA Carling Premiership if they win the Merseyside derby at Anfield tonight, have not beaten Everton in their last four meetings, a trend that Roy Evans, the Liverpool manag-er, is understandably keen to

"On one hand we've got to make sure we don't get too carried away by the occasion, but on the other we have to show passion and pride, especially after last year when Everton beat us at home," he said yesterday. Andrei Kanchelskis, who

scored both Everton's goals at Anfield last season, is a certain starter, but Joe Royle, the Everton manager, is not completely sold on retaining an unchanged side, despite the 7-1 win over Southampton on Saturday, and may find room for Duncan Ferguson.

Pressman backs overseas aid

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THEY may not rival the likes of Vialli, Zola and Ravanelli in terms of status or earnings. second best throughout. but Sheffield Wednesday's im-Benny has settled down ported players could help their

according to Kevin Pressman. the Wednesday goalkeeper. Orlando Trustfull, Wednesday's Dutch midfield player, and Benito Carbone, their Italian playmaker, scored their first FA Carling Premiership goals on Monday night in a 2-0 victory over Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough that ended a run of ten league and cup games withut a win. With Regi Blinker, Trustfull's compatriot, also excelling by set-

club to a place in Europe.

nesday can now challenge for a Uefa Cup place.
"Regi did well last year, while Orlando and Benny have come in this season, and all three have settled in very quickly," Pressman said, after watching Mark Crossley, his

ting up chances from the wing, Pressman believes that Wed-

opposite number, keep Forest in a contest in which they were

very quickly, and has shown that he is a top-class performer. It's now just a question of getting that consistency and making sure that we grind out the results when we aren't playing so well.

We've just lacked that killer instinct, because we have been playing well recently, but it was important that we started winning again. Now we can start looking to build, and a European place is something we've got to aim for because it's so tight at the moment." Forest have now gone 12

Premiership matches without a win since their opening-day success away to Coventry City. and have scored just ten league goals. Crossley admits that the team is going though a crisis of confidence. "It's all about getting that win to restore our belief," he said. "It will probably come with a lucky 1-0 win, but we will take anything at the moment. Training is the same as ever and the spirit is good, but

when we get out on the park we struggle, and it's something we've got to solve quickly." Wednesday, meanwhile. have been worried by news

that Wayne Collins, their midfield player, may need surgery to repair the groin problem that has sidelined him for nine matches.

Collins, a summer signing from Crewe Alexandra, was influential as Wednesday opened the season with four successive victories, but was

injured when Arsenal inflicted their first defeat in mid-September. He came through two reserve-team matches last week, but has since felt a reaction, and David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said that Collins may now need an operation.

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Krajicek's power play too strong for Chang

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

THE three hours or so that it took Richard Krajicek and champions of Wimbledon and Australia, to win their opening round-robin matches in the world championship of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), provided rich entertainment for the mere 15.000 crowd at the Messehalle exhibition centre here

Michael Chang, the US Open finalist this year and runner-up to Becker in this event last year, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion, were sent packing in straight sets, each groping to try to contain his opponent's

power.

During practice, Becker and
Goran Ivanisevic had said that the synthetic court was "slowish". Not for some. Krajicek yesterday made it seem like an ice rink. Chang, who has one of the best twohanded service returns in the game, could not handle the barrage from this 6ft 5in cannon that included 20 aces

Krajicek, the first Dutchman to bold the Wimbledon title, said that this was his best performance since. None would contradict him. In such circumstances, every point on his own service was critical for Chang if he were to stay in the match, and it could be said that this turned on two points In particular. A double fault at 3-3 and 30-30 in the first set gave Krajicek break point, which he secured in a rally, Chang netting a forehand.

The other was controversial. At I-I in the second set, a forehand by Chang was called out. An instant replay, provided by a huge, four-sided video screen, suspended above the court, showed the bounce to have been two inches inside the baseline. Tennis, thankfully, has not allowed decision-reversal with television evidence, however dramatic

until April '97

this may be for television voyeurs. The point stood. Krajicek hit a forehand return winner from Chang's next second service, and, a breakgame up, was effectively home and dry.

Chang was far more philosophical afterwards than Carl, his brother and coach, who fumed at ATP officials. "Yes, it probably cost me the match. but people are going to make mistakes," Michael said, graciously. He denied that seeing immediate video evidence had doubled his grief.

The world championship is a kind of Rolls-Royce club, the players being especially com-posed and proud to be among their seven elite peers. "It is nice to be here," Chang said, observing that, to win a grandslam event, whatever the prestige, you do not, as here, have to play five of the world's top eight. Despite Krajicek's pow-er, he considers that the sur-face is fairly balanced towards baseliners.

Krajicek agreed that the bad call had helped him. It allowed him, thereafter, to serve at maximum pressure in the knowledge that he had the protection of a game in hand. It would seem that his relative slump after Wimbledon, his only ritle of the year — "I needed to get used to the experience", he has said lightheartedly - was caused by continuing problems with his knees, arising from twisting from such a height. Surgery would not necessarily resolve the problem.

Becker, who is 29 on Friday, triumphed 6-4, 7-5 and looked as formidable as ever, his shaven ginger-head as sleek as the radiator of the bespoke automobile that pays a fortune form, he is as hard to escape as a shark in a 50-metre swim ming pool. Kafelnikov, who willingly conceded nothing, at times was left perplexed. shaking his head.



Krajicek approached his best form in the defeat of Chang in Hanover yesterday

Eager Hingis soon blossoms among Big Apple's finest

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

championships, was the quickest of the bunch, taking

just 40 minutes to demolish

Irina Spirlea 6-1, 6-2. Spirlea,

from Romania, is an infuriat-

ing inconsistent player, blow-ing hot and cold in every

match. On Monday, for a

change, she was the same

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NOT much stays the same bere. No sooner has one building been torn down than another two have replaced it, and the bits that survive more than a couple of years are constantly being revamped, patched up and painted. As most New Yorkers will tell you, this will be a great town once it is finished.

It seems, too, that women's tennis is getting the hang of New York. For so many years, it has been regarded as a twowomen show — Evert and Navratilova, Graf and Seles but at last the skyline is changing. While the old Gabriela Sabatini at Madison Square Garden on Monday night — after 12 years on the circuit and 21 titles, the best from start to finish: awful.

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that they could come up with Then again, she never had a chance. Hingis was efficient, ordered and precise. for a retirement present was a karaoke machine - the yourger, more impatient members

To qualify for this event was one of Hingis's goals for the year. Now ranked No 5 in of the Women's Tennis Association Tour were itching to get on with things.

Martina Hingis, at 16 the the world, she has not only achieved her aim, but is also now being tipped as a pos-sible title contender. This has youngest player in the Chase not escaped Hingis, a confi-dent Swiss lass who knows her own worth.

> "It is surprising how well I am playing right now," she said, "but I am bappy with the way it is. If I play like that, there are not so many things to improve any more. I even served an ace at 103mph for the first time. It's been a good experience so far."

> Anke Huber, the No 6 seed, ished Graf to five sets in the final last year, but on Monday she was polished off in the first round, 7-5, 6-3, by Iva. Majoli. The German seemed intent on self-destruction from the start, serving a handful of double faults to go 4-1 down. She tried to scramble her way back into the match, but by midway through the second set she

knew that it was all over. The win was something of a breakthrough for Majoli. At the end of last year, she hit the indoor circuit with style, but once the circuit moved outdoors again, her game fell apart. Still, at 19, the Croatian knows that she has time enough to improve, and with her first win in three visits to the championships, she is

happy enough for now.

Lindsay Davenport is quite content, too. The Olympic champion has had a difficult couple of years since she first became America's top-ranked female player, but things seem to be getting better at last. On Monday, she took a mere 50 minutes to beat Barbara Paulus, from Aus-Ale (62). Reteres: N Coustre (London). tria, 6-3, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

Cambridge come close to upsetting lacklustre Samoans

Cambridge University .. 13 Western Samoa XV...... 14

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR ago, almost to the day, Western Samoa came to Grange Road, played far too lackadaisically and lost to an inspired Cambridge University by eight points. Yesterday, amid driving rain and biting wind, they came within a band's breadth of the same fate. It was as if the heroics of their display against ireland a week earlier had never

Pat Lam, who captained the side in both games, must wonder what it is about the Cambridge air. In fact his team scored two comparatively simple tries in the first 11 minutes (the first after only 28 seconds) and may have believed that victory could be earned without working for it, but this Cambridge team has been built in adversity and they give little away.

Anyone seeking a form guide for the University match next month — which is poised to draw a record crowd of more than 70,000 - may recall that Oxford lost to a very different Samoan XV 58-27 earlier this month. Comparisons are always odious, but there appears to be a solidity to the Light Blue pack that Oxford have yet to establish, and Cambridge have still to decide on the best combina-

tion in their back row. But it is behind the scrum that Cambridge have suffered a string of debilitating injuries: only now, with just two games remaining before Twickenham, are they close to their potential back division and there are hopes that Nick Walne, the Welsh Blue, will

prove his fitness this week. The students, well organised at the lineout and powerful at the set scrum -Tony Rodgers, their coach, believes this to be one of the powerful Cambridge packs for years - dug their way back into the match after their torrid start.

Jean Ch Air. Includes Seins-Seins (Volin Concerto in B-minot); Raivel (Daphnie and Chice Suite Ne 2) Monning Collection; with-Peter Hobday, Includes, Beathoven (Overture Egmont); Field (Plano Concerto No 5 in C, "Incertificates" (Present) And when Ashforth kicked a close-range penalty goal to bring the scores to within a Concerno No 5 in C.
L'incerdie par l'orage)
16:00 Musical Encounters, wi Nick Morgan. Includes Nielsen (Prefude, Act 2, Masicarade); Pamesu (in Corvertendo); Vaughan Williams (Fartieste, on a Therme by Thomas Tallis) point, another surprise defeat. loomed for the Samoans. Here, though, they had enough in hand to be able to spurn two tryscoring chances and still stay in front.

and still stay in front.

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CAMERIDGE UNIVERSITY: R Philips (Larhent and Homerton); M Garfield (Massing CS and Fizzwillem), M Singer (Mydiffe College and Homerton), N Hill (St gratius, Sydney and St Edmund's), 3 Lipplett (Portsmouth GS and Corpus Christi); "R Asriboth (Escalidard GS and Potenticuse), "B Hyen (Wantischon College and Homerton); T Murphy (St Joseporis, Nudgee and St Edmund's), "P Godfrey (RGS Worcester and St John's), "M Hyde (St Ignatius, Sydney and St Edmund's), "P Bramby (DESS Welseletd and St Edmund's), "A Page (Page Mydiffe St Ignatius, Sydney and St Edmund's), "R Bramby (DESS Welseletd and St Edmund's), "A Craig (Fausung College, Welsele and St Ighn's), "I Brambise (Yesm and St Ighn's), "I Brambise (Yesm and St Ighn's), "I Cocke (Newmington College, Sydney and St Edmund's). 12.00 Composers of the Week's
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4.00-Choral Evensons. Live from Norwich Cathedral Includes Nowich Cathedral, Includes Intolt Locus Iste (Bruckner); Responses (Nicholas). Pasins 49, 50 (Walmisley, Goss, Crow); First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 43, w 13-end; Office Hymn: O God, thy soldiers' crown and guard. Organist and master of the music David Dunnett Looper's Co and Coburn and St Cathe-nne's) temporary replacement for Mupriny (39-40) "denders a Blue. WESTERN SAMOA XV: M Leopolut P Rt. M Fatistics. T Vesga, V Tutgamatic, F Tanoa't, V Vitale; R Ale, T Leota, A Letuu, S Vali, P Leovasa, O Paleon, K Toledon, P Lam, Vali replaced by J Paramore (57mm). Tanoa't replaced by J Paramore (57m; Ale inchicad by B Reidy (62); Letuu replaced by Ale (53).

(c) The final and perfect stage of an insect after it has gone through all its metamorphoses. For example, a butterfly. Say, "Ah," as your sister finally emerges from the bathroom, dolled up to receive her latest fungible (replacement boyfriend). "So we have the ultimate imago — until tomorrow."

VIRAGO (c) A fierce, had-tempered woman. A termagant. The derivation is from vir a man. So a virago is a manuish woman. The implication that being manuish is tantamount to being bad-tempered and violent is unkind to males. Termagant is a better word. And its derivation is more fun. It comes from Tir-majum a Persian lord or god. The Crosaders confused his followers with their enemies, the Moslems. The Termagant became a stock villain of the medieval stage. Hamlet: "I could have such a fellow whipped for o'erdoing Termagant." Then he changed sex because his Eastern robes were like those worn by European

(a) Earthy, full of clods or sods. From the Latin gleba, English glebe a clod or sod. RHONCHISONANT

(b) Snoring or snorting. From the Latin. Everybody snores, but few thank you for noticing it. Rhonchisonant will sound a lot better than those descriptions you are supposed to put for yourself in the Personal ads intended to arrange introductions. with the opposite sex. If you have to advertise, you are in the wrong business.

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The Weish Triple Harp. Radio 2, 8,00pm.

The reporter Frank Hennessy and his producer Eli Williams, working from the BBC's Cardiff studios and therefore being within plucking distance of their source material, have put together a delightful programme about the rise, fall, and rise again of the Weish triple harp with its three sets of strings. Apparently, it is the very devil to play, though an old saying has it that it is the Weish harp that soars to heaven and the Irish harp that dips down to hell. "Play as if pearls are dripping from your imgers", the Weish harp's only full-time professional exponent. Robin Hugh Bowen, was told by his gypsy tutor. In the couple of pieces he plays tonight, there are enough pearls to make a necklace.

ional Women. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

In this three-way (Sarah Dunant, Celia Brayfield, Kate Finch) dissection of the novels of the Victorian/Edwardian writer Rhoda Broughton, the least dependable measure of her shocking literary reputation is that Lewis Carroll wouldn't attend any dinner party which had her name on the guestlist. Since her books appealed almost entirely to women, it's odd that an Arctic expedition, presumably all male, named a mountain after her. Though she is all the forestlers now to a mountain after her. Though she is all the forestlers are days what but forgotten now, no writer who could say "there are days when heaven opens to us all but, to most of us, next day it shuts again" can be dismissed as demode.

Peter Davalle

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structuses a performance of the Symphory, No 5 in 8 flat 9.00 Outridens: Dick Gaughan, uniting political protest and Scottist folk music 9.25 Zelestmair's Bach (r) 10.00 Volces. Post A.E. Housman has been a source of

10.00 Volces. Poet A.E. Housman has been a source of inspiration for generations of inspiration for generations of British composers. Buttone William Dazeley and planist and presenter lain Burnside explore some of the settings, including a new one from Jufan Philips

10.46 Night Waves. Includes first night news of Peter Oswald's new verse-play Fair Lecties at a Game of Poem Cards based on an 18-century

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11.30 Composers of the Week:
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2.45 Treasure islands, with
Michael Rosen and guest
Susie Maguire
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift,
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4.00 News; 4.06 Kalektoscope,
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8.20 Going Back. The programme
in which people revisit places
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Shipping News, by E. Annie Prouts (8/10)

Meet Kevin, the misunderstood Maxwell

same corporation that lavishes pomp and circumstance on every state event from Trooping the Colour down, serves up Ruby Wax Meets the Duchess of York. Now it has turned its two-faced attentions to Kevin Maxwell.

You remember Kevin Maxwell, roundly condemned a couple of weeks ago on BBCl by Tom Bower's Inside Story! Well, meet Kevin Maxwell — family man, much misunderstood good egg and the star of The Trial of Kevin Maxwell (BBCI).

It was rather like watching a very long public apology for libel. It didn't quite begin: "Our recent programme may have inadvertently given the impression that Mr Kevin Maxwell was a crook..." or finish with a reference to "substantial damages" but, given the tone, it could easily have.

the BBC's appetite for having Somewhere out there, there was its cake and eating it is something nasty called the media clearly growing. First the and Nadia Haggar, director and creator — on the evidence of this of the haggarography, wanted no part in it. The media had been rotten to Kevin, you see, and that would never do.

Haggar made no attempt to answer the difficult questions that surround this case, such as how: incompetent do you have to be-before it becomes criminal? Orjust because Daddy says something, does that always make it right? And why should she? Both these questions were settled, in Maxwell's favour, in court. Instead, she concentrated on the personalities - the ever-so-apologetic Kevin, his forthright wife Pandora and their quite adorable eldest daughter, Tilly. When Tilly Maxwell follows family tradition and takes over the world ... well, if I'm not too old by then, can I be Editor of the Daily Mirror?

For a while it looked as if this formula would be enough. Kevin was disarmingly contrite, apologising for "mistakes, errors of judgment, bad decisions" while insisting he had done nothing criminal. Pandora, a woman of strong opinions, revealed enough waspish charm to explain why she gets on well with High Court judges and why, when it comes to a fight, you'd want her on your side. As for Tilly she was busy cheering everyone up. Mummy and Daddy had a new baby on the way ("not ideal timing," Pandora observed), their sixth. "I'm pleased," said the wise Tilly, "because whether the trial turns out good or bad, if there's a new baby in the house, there won't be time to be upset."

s we all know, the trial A turned out good, which resulted in a quite interminable final 30 minutes as Haggar REVIEW



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tried desperately to inject some drama into a film that had long run its natural course. Unforgivably, this included a series of questions apparently designed to make Tilly cry. Now, keeping the camera running until an adult cries is par for the documentary course these days (Pandora's father duly obliged a few minutes later), but children? Shots don't come much cheaper, although the final, post-credit, postscript ---The media continues to judge them" — came close.

Over on BBC2, the latest instalment of When Rover Met BMW was subtitled A Job for Life. a commitment which the makers invited us to take literally for a good ten minutes . . . until a couple of old hands at Longbridge revealed that whatever the bright bods in personnel might say there was no such thing. "Jobs for life? No one get a job for life these days." But Rover apparently comes close, which is why they were queueing up in their thou-sands when Longbridge launched its first major recruitment drive for seven years.

They came - and sadly went from all walks of life. A young sculptor, with A levels and a degree in art, proved particularly good at the "assemble a cardboard van" aptitude test but fell, unaccountably, by the wayside. Per-

haps as revenge he could cut a cheap that a commissioning editor Rover 200 in half, immerse it in ought to be feeling thoroughly

e were left with Craig, whose tattoos signalled his intention to become one of the lads; Vicky, who after her first shift ached in parts that could no longer be described as spare, and Waseem, who in his enthusiasm had made the fatal mistake of believing he could do the job faster than everyone else and then — oh dear — told them so during a meal break. His trainer tactfully urged him to slow down. "As soon as you've done one car, there's another one there ready. you'll never beat this." I have a feeling the point will have been made more forcibly once the

cameras were switched off. In search of late-night diversion. I stumbled across Lumberjacks OK (Channel 4), a programme so

pickling vinegar and then sell it for ashamed of his or herself this morning. True, David "Kid" Jensen and someone called Georgey Spanswick have been flown out to Squamish (now there's a name not to try late at night), British Columbia, to commentate and make jokes about Canadians with big choppers, but one sparsely attended lumberjack meet (a chopin?) has been turned into no fewer than six programmes. Last night's was dedicated to just the one event, springboard chopping, which

looks about as silly as it sounds. After endless unreadable graphics, a beginner's guide to logging and a tour of the Squamish railway museum, the competition was won by Karl, who chopped his way to the top in about 55 seconds. Karl was positively beside himself. That's the way it goes in lumberjack sports sometimes." Next week, birling. Don't ask.

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8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Eamonn Holmes and Eather McVey reveal bow Seen Connery was transformed into a dragon for his latest film Dragonheart. Plus, how doctors managed to save a jockey suttering from the worst injuries hey had ever seen, and a chance to mee the man responsible for carnoutlaging the British Army (Caetas) (s) (282827)

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (346407) weather (9488)

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and New Zealand (s) (555730) 12.15am Fit.M: Carolina Skeletons (1991) with Louis Gossett Jr. A black US Marines officer returns to his childhood home in South Carolina, where his dying mother tells him he once had an elder brother who was executed for the murder of two white gris. He yours to prove his brother's innocence (550334) WALES: Harry Enfield and Chees 1245 FILM: Carolina Skeletons 2.15 News

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Gary Rhodes travels north (8.30pm)

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CHOICE Open Rhodes: The Highlands

BBC2, 8.30pm Succeeding the two fat ladies in the Wednesday cookery slot comes one slim gent. Gary Rhodes, of the spiky gelled hair, is back on the road with more carefully

is back on the road with more carefully rehearsed visits to outposts of the nation. Achilitibuie is more of an outpost than most, a Scottish village 90 minutes from the nearest cinema or supermarket. Rhodes's visit is also more carefully orchestrated than usual, for it so happens that Achiltibuie needs a new village hall and the celebrity chef might just be able to help. If this goes on they will have to call the series Challenge Gazy. But if the show is largely stagemenaged, Rhodes's act is still joyously fresh. Not only does nobody talk and cook at the same time with such fluency, but Rhodes is such a likeable guy than even his generous helpings of self-praise are easily forgiven.

Modern Times: A Pleasant Land BBC2, 9.00pm

Although Richard Alwyn's documentary progresses in a low-key style and sometimes struggles to fill the space, it offers an eloquent snapsnot of the effect of the BSE crisis on the British farming community. Alwyn takes his camera to Devon, where farmers gather gloomily in pubs and bemoan the end of the beef industry as they have known it. Even the laconic and mildmannered Robin White becomes angrier. He must slaughter all his cartle more than 30 months old. But the abattoir is booked months ahead and appeals to the ministry get nowhere. White has to go on buying food for cows he cannot sell. At 61 he is too old to test again and cannot resit for his people. start again and cannot wait for his pension Alwyn attends a church service where, with a nice touch of irony, one of the hymns is Think of a World Without Animals.

The Verdict: A Lack of Conviction BBC2, 9.50pm

After the Child Support Agency, the Crown Prosecution Service is probably the official body that gets the worst press. Do not expect David Rose's report to leap to its defence. On the contrary. The programme portrays the CPS as an organisation in disarray, where morale is low and resources are too thinly spread to cope with a burgeoning workload. The result, Rose claims, is that mistakes are made, charges are inexplicably reduced or dropped and those cases which come to court too often end in acquittals. In a word, the copy of the property of the copy of the co has a different story to tell.

The Fragile Heart Channel 4, 10.00pm

The miseries pile up for Nigel Hawthorne's Edgar Pascoe, the heart surgeon tormented by professional doubts and family discord. Perhaps the writer, Paula Milne, gives one man too much to bear. You almost start to wish something would go right for him. But it makes for high-octane drawn, gripping to the very last, and provides Hawthorne with a juicy part which puts tortured emotion into overdrive. It is a fine piece of acting, miles from the unctuous Sir Humphrey of Yes. Prime Minister. In quieter vein there have been telling contributions from Dearbla Molloy and Helen McCrory as Pascoe's stoic wife and scheming daughter. This final episode sees attempts by Pascoe to square his medical conscience and mend his fractured personal life. But Milne is too shrewd not to keep a surprise or two back. Peter Waymark

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6.50 WREEL OF FORTUNE Hosted by Nicky Campbell (Teletext) (s) (119575) 7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LIVE: Manchester United v Juventus Bob Wilson presents the crucial match from Old Trafford with commentary by Brian

Moore (Teletext) (43033846) ubsequent programmes are subject to delay and alterartion



Deirdre and Ken reminisce (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Ltz has bad news for Steve, and Ken and Deirdre get closer (Teletext) (19827) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (32109)

10,30 REGIONAL NEWS (254681) 10.40 CHILLER: The Man Who Didn't Belleve in Ghosts Richard and Sophie Cramer move into Windwhistle House, a

sequence of incidents, Sophie becomes convinced the house is haunted . With Peter Egan and Mel Martin (246952) 11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Jim Rosenthal Introduces highlights of this evening's Uela Champions League match between FC Porto and AC Milan.

Plus reaction after Manchester United's game against Juventus and the result of Fenerbahos v Rapid Vienna (101865) 12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (92315) 1.15 GOD'S GIFT (123044) 2.15 CYBER.CAFE (13808) 2.45 DEAR NICK (2804044) 3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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8,00 BROOKSIDE How long can Ron and Jackie's relationship remain a secret? (Teletext) (s) (8391)

8.30 WANTED Three pairs of fugitives play hide-and-seek across mainland Britain (s) (36285)

9.30 THE LOVERS Geoffrey discovers a way out of the engagement. He applies for a transfer to Fleetwood which postpones the wedding for a year (r). (Teletext)



Nigel Hawthome as Pascoe (10.00pm)

10.00 THE FRAGILE HEART Last in the three-part medical drama staming Nigel Hawthome. Edgar Pascoe finally taces up to the human rights abuses taking place in China (Teletext) (s) (3599551)

11.20 RORY BREMNER - WHO ELSE? (r) (Teletext) (s) (904759)

12.00 WEEKLY PLANET A discussion on the future of Russia, presented by Jon Snow (s) (193686) 1.35am DISPATCHES (r) (Teletext) (s)

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Ruling body acts to protect appeal of Grand National

TENNIS 50

Power play serves Krajicek well in world championship



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20 1996

Venables opts to play Australian rules



TERRY VENABLES sat in Scribes West International, his drinking club in Kensington, and announced the next stage of his colourful career. Venables — writer, raconteur, bon viveur and manager at-large — was to take charge of the Australia national football team. "El Tel"

Venables, 53, is many things to many people: a vibrant mix of the good, the bad and occasionally, the ugly. He was at his best yesterday, in a familiar environment surrounded by familiar faces, and lapped up the attention.

opened the curtains this morning and looked out at the weather," what a good decision I'd made." A

19-month contract, a reported £200,000-a-year salary and unlimited travel, monitoring the Australiaborn players scattered across the

Venables, the former England coach, will attempt to lead Australia to the finals of the 1998 World Cup in France. If he does, seeing off the might of Tahiti, then Tonga or the Solomon Islands, and then proba-bly New Zealand along the way, he will receive a not insignificant borrus for his efforts.

"I have two targets," he said. "The first is that we've got to get to the finals. The second is that if we do, then we have to go as far as we possibly can. It's a big challenge but

my life by what other people think, I do what I want to do.

'Australia have a much better group of players than most people think they have. That part of the world is cauching up fast and I'm sure people will be surprised. What interested me most was being involved in international football again. I had 24 years with England

and I really enjoyed it."

Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco
will be Venables's assistant coaches when he acquaints himself with Australian football, and its 14-strong national league, on his first trip down under in January. First up is the hosting of a four-team tournament, also involving Norway, New Zealand and South Korea, with the World Cup qualify-ing matches not starting until June.

Few Venables gatherings are without a twist and yesterday was no exception. He also revealed that he is to become the chairman of Portsmouth, the Nationwide League first division club where he has been director of football since the start of "It was a possibility before all this

but it won't take away from what I'm doing with Australia because, from the beginning of the season, I've only been at Portsmouth to give direction," he said. "It's been working quite well. I'll still help him Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager] as much as I can, but getting to the training ground has been difficult.

"Anyway, how many chairmen go to the club every day? I haven't been to every game so far, but there's a

Venables then departed through the assembled media. Rarely can a football press conference in Eng-land have been sprinkled with so land have been sprinkled with so many twangy Aussie accents, yet, surprisingly, nobody officed a greeting of "G'day, Tet." He stopped only to pose for the photographers, obligatory boomerang in hand. It left the stage clear for David Hill, the challient chairman of

Soccer Australia, the sport's national governing body, to hype the occasion further. Hill, 50, who was born in Eastbourne, brushed off the negative reaction from disaffected coaches and former players back home. He also stressed that Soccer Australia's financial worries were

good shape to the club and I'm there over. "We took a bit of a buffeting to help as much as I can from my but we've stabilised now," he said. Terry is a big investment by our standards, but the 1998 World Cup is very important to us. We wanted the best coach we could get and we've got him. I spoke to a lor of our players and every one of them was excited, as is Australia.

"Aussie coaches are good enough to do the job, of course they are, but once we knew Terry was interested, we had to talk to him. When we knew we had finally got him, it was fair dinkum."

William Hill, the bookmaker, was not convinced. "Venables should be capable of getting the Aussies into the final stages but he'd need to be able to make a silk purse out of a kangaroo's pouch to win it," a

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MANA BALL IN CALL

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Venue for Estonia replay rejected

Scotland to argue in support of travel-weary fans

ESTONIA'S ill-fated game with Scotland continues to be a fertile source of controversy. A replay of the group four World Cup qualifying match that failed to take place in Tallinn last month has been ordered by Fifa, football's world governing body, but the venue for it is about to provoke fresh dispute.

Estonia are expected to propose that the game should go ahead in Cyprus, where they have a winter training camp. on February II. Yesterday, however, the Scottish Football Association (SFA) decided that it will resist any such suggestion. It argues that it is unreasonable to force Scotland supporters, who have already travelled to Tallinn. now to make the 52-hour

journey to Cyprus.
It may also claim that the stadiums in Cyprus do not conform to Fifa criteria. The SFA's emergence in the role of dissident was not the only

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Trite (5)

deviation from standard practice yesterday. Desertion on the eye of battle is the kind of offence that normally invites a court martial, but it is a sense. of duty that caused Walter Smith to miss Rangers' preparations for the European Cup Champions' League tie with Grasshopper Club of Zurich. He was out of town because

his team are already out of Europe and the manager's obligations lie with the club's long-term future. Smith has been in Santiago meeting a possible signing, the young Chilean forward, Sebastian Rozenthal, of Universidad Catolica. He will be back in the dugout this evening, but he may view the action at Ibrox with interest rather than

TWO

After defeats in all four group matches to date. Rangers cannot reach the quarterfinals. The wretchedness had game, a 3-0 defeat by Grasshopper in Zurich. Rangers also had to endure some scathing remarks that night. Kubilay Türkyilmaz, scorer of two of the goals, claimed that the Scots had come to Switzer-land like holidaymakers.

Christian Gross, the Grasshopper coach, now insists that he himself made no criticism. but the Rangers squad, as they try to manufacture relevance for the fixture, will tap their own sense of resentment. They showed us a lack of respect," Ally McCoist, the forward, said, "but players don't mope around over that kind of thing. They get even." Revenge always has its

GROUP A

MATCHES TO COME, Today, Renorm of Grasshooper Zurch Ajac v Ausene Oed 4 Grasshooper Zurch v Ajac Ausene of Rangers.

charm, but, when incentives are considered, it must be admitted that victory would provide Grasshopper with a far more enticing prize. Should they defeat Rangers, the club will be assured a place in the last eight. Grasshopper have never appeared in so advanced a round of the European Cup.

Should Auxerre lose to Ajax

Without him, Rangers suffered from ludicrously wasteful finishing in the I-O victory against Celtic last week. "After watching those misses." McCoist said cheekily. "I am feeling superb."



Cambridge University players keep their eyes on the ball after a ruck in their match with the Western Samoans yesterday. Report, page 50

Atlanta drugs tests queried

The tests were carried out by

Dr Don Catlin, of the Univer-

sity of California. Los Angeles

one of the most respected

certain."

FOUR Olympic competitors could face bans of up to four years if new drug tests are ordered by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Dr Patrick Schamash, the IOC medical director, yesterday confirmed that four competitors had returned "adverse

of the findings. We do not 100-metre hurdler, failed tests consider them as positive. We have to be 100 per cent using this equipment. Both took anabolic steroids.

The IOC is worried that if a competitor is found to have given a positive sample on the results from the high resolu-

challenged legally.

However, it is curious that
the testing laboratory in Atlanta, based at the Morehouse College Medical School; did not automatically retest the four specimens which gave "adverse findings", on its standard equipment before reporting the findings.

On the day after the 1984 Games, Prince Alexandre de Merode, the president of the IOC Medical Commission, found details of nine positive drug tests had inadvertently been shredded in his hote room in Los Angeles. The names of the nine competitors

In the Vendée Globe single-handed

for the same windy conditions that swep

the nine boats ahead of him through

without any delay. "The next two days will be critical," he said yesterday, as he



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figures in international dopin Holland, Grasshopper will findings for anabolic steroids ing analysis. He used the high qualify for the quarter-finals during the Games in Atlanta resolution mass spectrometer, regardless of the result at and said a decision would be Ibrox. Rangers, as bemused as they are disappointed by remade next month whether to ment in the world, for the first retest the urine specimens. time at the Games. This is far sults in the group, can only The IOC has declined to more sensitive than the stanhope for proof of their own worth. McCoist, omitted from identify which sports or comdard mass spectrometer, which is used in most laborapetitors are involved, although they are likely to be medal-winners. At the Games, the the starting line-up last week. tories accredited by the IOC. has at least found cause for If new tests are ordered by renewed faith in his value to three medal-winners and one the IOC medical commission. other competitor in each event. they will be carried out on an selected at random, are autoorthodox mass spectrometer matically tested. which was also used in Atlan-Dr Schamash said: These Municipal inhabitants (11) iz. At the Games, Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, who results came from the high came fourth in the women's resolution mass spectrometer and there is, therefore, a triple jump, and Natalya question about the reliability

Webber struggling to rise to Challenge

he run of bad luck that seems to be afflicting Courtaalds International continued yesterday when the yacht's skipper, Boris Webber, was taken ill just 36 hours before the start of the second leg of the BT Global Challenge DOWN: 1 Complication 2 Agus 3 Freeman 4 Announce 6 Nosy 7 Eavesdropper 11 Kreutzer 13 Pen-name 16 Pawn 19 Ruby today, from Rio de Janeiro to Wellington. Webber, a South African, has gone

down with a stomach bug and was in bed yesterday. He has been seen by a doctor and was being looked after by his wife. Trish. A spokeswoman for the race said Webber still hoped to be well enough to make the start this afternoon.

Webber has found it difficult to come to terms with ocean racing alongside a crew not performing, naturally enough, at anything like expert level. They endured the worst first leg of the fleet, eventually finishing thirteenth, just ahead of the disabled crew on Time & Tide and nearly 90 hours behind the leader. Group 4. Among his problems were two blown

Edward Gorman charts

the troubled waters coursing through Rio

spinnakers and a broken pole. A new

pole was sent for from Britain and one of the spinnakers was sent back for repair. So far neither has arrived in Rio. If they are not available for the start, Chay Blyth, the race director, may have to ask all the other boats to surrender a pole and a spinnaker to keep the playing field level. Meanwhile, the crews on Commercial

Union. Motorola and Toshiba Wave Warrior have each had to do some emergency shopping in Rio to make up their stores for the Southern Ocean, after deliveries of specially-prepared freeze-dried food failed to arrive in Brazil as

The race leader remains Yves Parlier, on Aquitaine Innovations, who is about 80 miles ahead of Isabelle Autissier, on PRB, who followed him across the equator early yesterday. Parlier, whose freshwater tanks leaked shortly after the start, is now running lose, having had little rain to replenish them. "I have only got 28 littes left." he said. "I will have to ration myself now. It's so sad because everything is going well so far."

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